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MEMORANDUM TO LEAGUE

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

The results of the exchange of opinions between the British Government and the Governments of France, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey were communicated in writing to the President of the Sanctions Conference by Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday.

One of the weightiest passages of the memorandum reads: "The fact that deliberations were taking place between the British and French Staffs gave rise to the assertion from certain quarters that the discussions were not restricted to the situation in the Mediterranean arising from the application of Article XVI of the League of Nations Covenant, but also included the northern frontier of France."

"His Majesty's Government wishes to seize this opportunity of declaring that this assertion is totally untrue. The discussions in question related entirely to the common action which might be taken should the application of sanctions in the present conflict lead to hostilities in the Mediterranean. The discussions never considered any other possibility."

The remainder of the document summarises the answers of the other three Governments, to the effect that the obligations prescribed by the League of Nations Covenant would be faithfully discharged.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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OIL EMBARGO

Committee To Probe Effectuality

TRANSPORT MORE VITAL THAN PRODUCTION

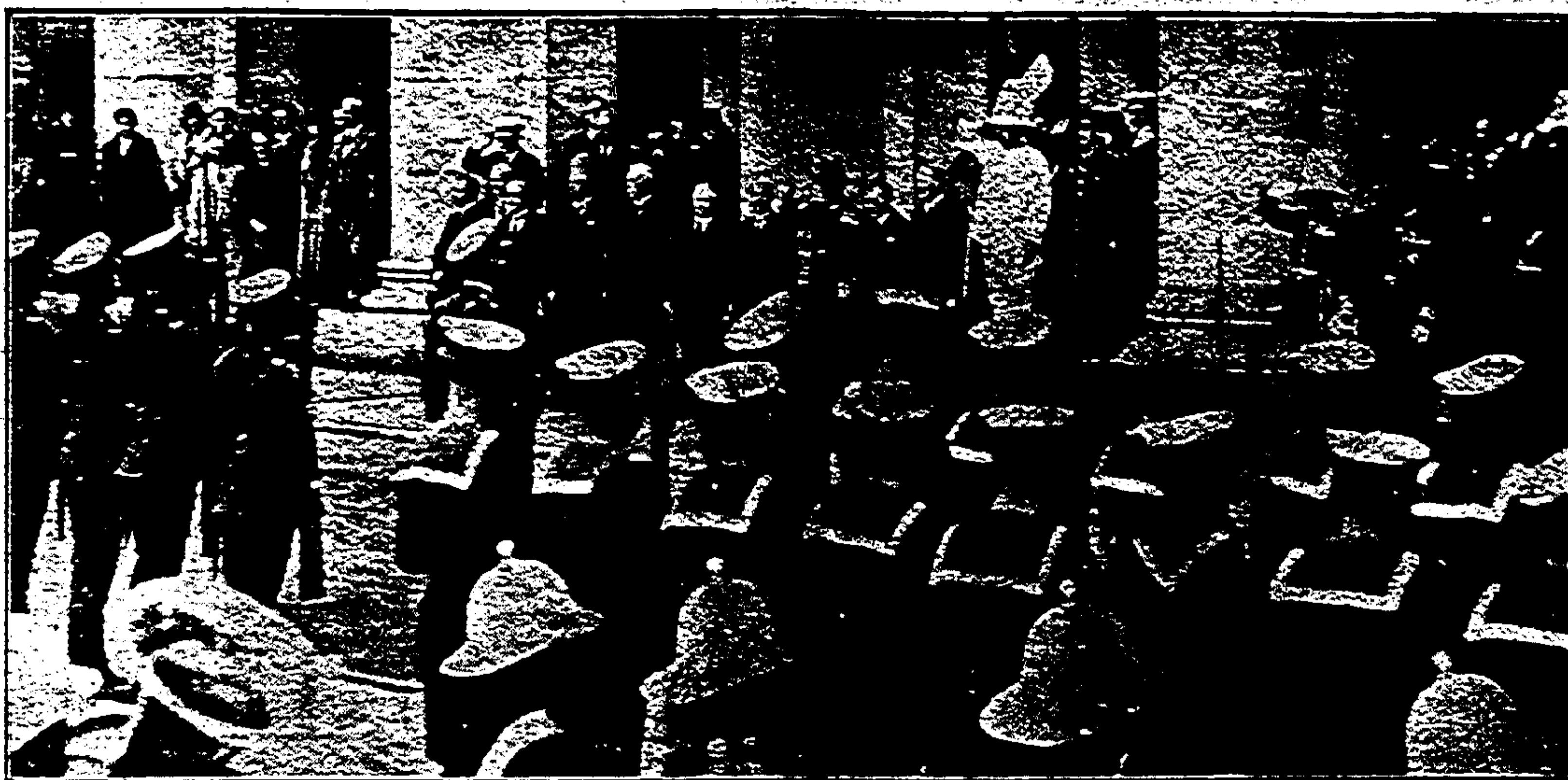
Geneva, To-day.

The Committee of Eighteen recommended convening a committee of international experts to examine the effectuality of an oil embargo against Italy. M. Tulescu pointed out that this recommendation in no way changed the political decision of December 6 to place an embargo on other products in due course.

ITALY CORNERED

Geneva, Later: The appearance of the word "transport" in the Committee of Eighteen's resolution indicates interesting developments. It is now believed that the question of the transport of oil is more vital than that of production. Even if America still permits the export to Italy of normal quantities of oil, the combined oil tankers of Italy, the United States and Japan will be insufficient to carry the oil required to Italy.

Britain, Holland and Norway own the bulk of the world's tankers and if they agree to ban oil transport it will have a devastating effect on the Italian imports.—Reuter.



The scene outside the Supreme Court yesterday when "God Save The King" was played at the Proclamation Ceremony. ("China Mail" photo).

POLITICAL CRISIS IN EGYPT

RESIGNATION OF CABINET

NEW GOVERNMENT NOT YET DECIDED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

The Nessim Pasha Cabinet resigned yesterday. This decision was arrived at in the course of a Ministerial Council and after King Fuad had had a lengthy consultation with the party leaders, including the leader of the United Front of Egyptian Parties.

The resignation of the Government represents the fulfilment of the wish expressed in a Note from the British Government, declaring its willingness to enter forthwith into negotiations about an agreement regulating the relations, chiefly military, and the Sudan questions between the two countries, but desiring that the treaty deliberation be conducted with a Government commanding the confidence of the Egyptian people.

The Nessim Pasha Cabinet will therefore be succeeded by a United Party Cabinet, but provisionally the leader of the Wafd Party, Nuhus Pasha, has declined to undertake the task of forming a Government.

The English newspaper, the Egyptian Gazette, published in Alexandria, voices the opinion that the British note is not approved by the Wafd Party. Contrary to expectation, the text of the note has not yet been published.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FREE STATE AND ENGLAND

Special Coal Duty Removed

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Dublin, To-day.

The special import duty of 5s. per ton on English coal entering the Irish Free State, which was first imposed at the beginning of the economic war between the two countries and which caused intense bitterness in England because of its symbolisation of the hostility felt towards England in Ireland, has just been abolished by the Irish Government, on the grounds that "the circumstances have improved." —Trans-Ocean Service.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS

LAVAL REFUSES TO TRY AGAIN

RADICALS CAUSE NEW CRISIS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The third Laval Government, formed on June 7, 1935, resigned at 5.45 p.m. yesterday, following a Ministerial Council held at the Elysee Palace under the chairmanship of President Lebrun. The decisive Cabinet meeting, which began at 4 p.m., opened with the resignation of M. Herriot as scheduled, whereupon the other Radical-Socialist Ministers, namely, the Trade Minister, M. Bonnet, the Mercantile Marine Minister, M. Bertrand, and the Home Minister, M. Paganon, announced their resignations separately. To mark disapproval of the step taken by the Radical-Socialist Ministers M. Martin, the Right-wing Minister without portfolio, also resigned.

The Cabinet meeting, which then discussed the political situation, ended at 5 p.m., when the Ministers all proceeded to the Elysee Palace, where the question of France's representation at the funeral of the late King George was discussed. The Ministerial Council decided that President Lebrun, M. Laval, the War Minister (M. Pietri) and representatives of the military, naval and air forces under Marshal Petain will attend the royal burial.

The resignation of the Cabinet, having then been accepted, President Lebrun began his customary consultations with the leaders of the various political groups. Immediately on leaving the Elysee Palace M. Laval was besieged by members of the press, to whom he declared that he had refused M. Lebrun's invitation to attempt to form a new Government, and intended to adhere to this decision.—Trans-Ocean Service.

INVITATIONS REFUSED

Paris: (The Government has resigned.) M. Laval has refused President Lebrun's invitation to form a new Cabinet. M. Bouisson, President of the Chamber, has also declined the invitation.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE

Paris, Later: Of the six Radical members of the retiring Government four had previously informed M. Laval of their intention to withdraw and the other

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JAPAN AND THE LEAGUE

Question Of Mandated Territories

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

The Japanese viewpoint that although Japan's membership of the League of Nations expired in March 1935 the mandate obligations allotted to her by the League were still valid, was confirmed in a report adopted by the League Council at yesterday's session.

Regarding the question raised by the Japanese Government as to whether a country which has left the League enjoys the same economic rights in mandated territories as League members, the report proposes that the Japanese view that this equality of rights should be maintained should be accepted, subject provisionally, to the League reserving the right to re-examine the question if it thinks fit.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALIANS ADVANCE

Vanguard Reaches Negelli

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

General Graziani's forces continue advancing, states official war bulletin No. 103, the vanguard having reached Negelli, the capital of Galla Borano, 240 miles from the starting point of Dolo. Prominent leaders in Galla Borano immediately declared their submission, states the report, which adds that they expressed relief at their liberation from the Abyssinian yoke, offering to join the next military operations against the Addis Ababa Government.

Further batches of prisoners are constantly coming in. The captured arms and ammunition include considerable quantities of dum-dum bullets, it is said. Eas Desta's supplies assembled for an expedition into Italian Somaliland two months ago were captured by Italian cavalry at Negelli.—Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT

Fresh north-easterly winds, cloudy, is the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

LORD MAYOR TO ATTEND

His Majesty Lives For Sandringham

LYING-IN-STATE PLANS ALTERED

London, To-day.

It is learned authoritatively that H. M. the King is considering broadcasting a message to the nation after the funeral of his father.

A special memorial service will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Tuesday next. The Lord Mayor and Corporation and representatives of other bodies will attend. Air Force flying will be suspended to-day and on the day of the funeral, and civil airmen have been asked to refrain from flying over the route of the King's coffin to-day, over Westminster Hall during the lying-in-State, and over the route of the funeral procession on Tuesday next from London to Windsor.

MEETING TO-DAY

London: When the House of Commons re-assembles for the swearing-in ceremony, Capt. H. D. E. Mayerson, the Chief Government Whip, announced that the Government is meeting at 2 p.m. to-day, when the Prime Minister will bring the King's message respecting the death of His late Majesty.

Afterwards the House will consider addresses to the King and Queen Mary, and the business will be completed in time to enable the House to assemble at Westminster Hall, when the body of the late King arrives. Thereafter it will adjourn until February 2. The same procedure will be followed by the House of Lords.—Reuter.

KING LEAVES LONDON

London: His Majesty the King, the Duke of York and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester have departed for Sandringham by train. The King gravely acknowledged the respectful bows and raising of their hats by the people.

PLANS ALTERED

The lying-in-State plans have been altered. There will be no admittance to-day, and Westminster Hall will be opened to the public from to-morrow to Monday inclusive between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. It is estimated that at least a million mourners will file past the catafalque.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES

Paris: France will be represented at the late King George's funeral by President Lebrun and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Marine, the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, Admiral Durandvieu, Marshal Petain, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, General Gamelin and the retiring Minister for Air, M. Dainin. There will also be a detachment of French troops.—Reuter.

DUBLIN IN MOUERING

Dublin: The Irish Free State capital bears all the signs of deep and sincere mourning for the death of King George V. All Government buildings and all foreign Legations are flying their flags at half-mast. Since the day of the death of the King the bourse has been closed. Many

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MAIL SCHEDULES

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 24th January, the General Post Office and the Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, but the Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by postmen.
On Saturday, the 25th January, the General Post Office and the Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of ordinary correspondence by postman in the noon; also one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

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Women's Page

WARMTH WITHOUT THICKNESS

Coat-Frocks For Cooler Days

VOGUE FOR CHECKS

(By MARGARET BARRY)

Coat-frocks are definitely modes which will come in with the cooler days, when warmer overcoats are being planned, and when after-holiday make-up is necessary.

It is generally realised nowadays that cosy frocks are not necessarily made of thick materials. Frocks to wear out-of-doors, with perhaps the addition of a fur neck-tie or little shoulder cape, are designed in fascinating tweeds of irregular weave and multitone mixtures, or dark jersey weaves flecked with minute spots of white or yellow.

Skirts of all these new coat-frocks are simple. The length remains the same as last season, but they are without slits or sashes. Freedom is imparted by a flare from the knee downward, and the fullness is slight, almost imperceptible.

Checks On The Slant

You can follow the vogue for checks and buy a coat-frock of beige and brown wool made up so that the check runs diagonally. It has a slightly gored skirt, and buttons fasten the bodice to the neck, where a turn-over collar of plain white wool is added. This design is belted and has long sleeves.

The changes can be run with a pretty style in canvas cloth, the



The essence of lavish dress is expressed by this formal ensemble worn by Anna Lee, the screen actress. The gown is of black taffeta and the shoulder cape and muff are ermine.

cloth being supple enough to be gathered into front fullness at the waist, and again across the front of the high neck.

Here a belt broadens across the front to give the slight uplift effect of the Empire line, and in this instance the sleeves are merely a few inches past the elbow. A frill of crisp beige organdie peeps above the neckline. A frill at the front, and a very narrow strip of organdie trims the sleeve edges.



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While the face is held over the steam, the basin should be

sufficiently large for the steam to treat underneath the chin, and the neck as well.

The beauty rule which decrees no aids immediately after steaming, must be broken and one should be applied according to the condition of the skin.

If the hot weather has left it far too dry, a fatty lotion must be used. This can be prepared by melting two ounces of lard, then adding fifteen grains of tragacanth powder, and stirring it well with the lard.

Four ounces of boiling water must be poured on to the lard, just a little at a time at first, and the preparation stirred until it is perfectly cold. The fingers should be used to apply the lotion, which must be extremely gently rubbed in.

KNITTING MADE SIMPLE

When The Sleeves Are Ready

When the sleeves of a hand-knitted jumper are ready for stitching in they should first be carefully fixed in position with pins to ensure a proper distribution of fullness round the armholes. The fit of the finished garment depends almost entirely on the correct set of the sleeves.

When a loose washing collar has to be tacked into the neck of a frock it should first be folded exactly in half, and a pin should be inserted at the fold. The collar should then be fitted into the neck of the frock with the marking pin exactly at the centre of the back. Then the ends will match in length, and they may be pinned in position ready for stitching.

Before any long seams, such as the side of turned sheets, are started, the whole length should be carefully divided, first in half and then in quarters, and stitched at each division. This ensures an even seam. Pins should not be used in work of this kind, which may have to be put away unfinished. They are liable to fly out when the sheet is unfolded.

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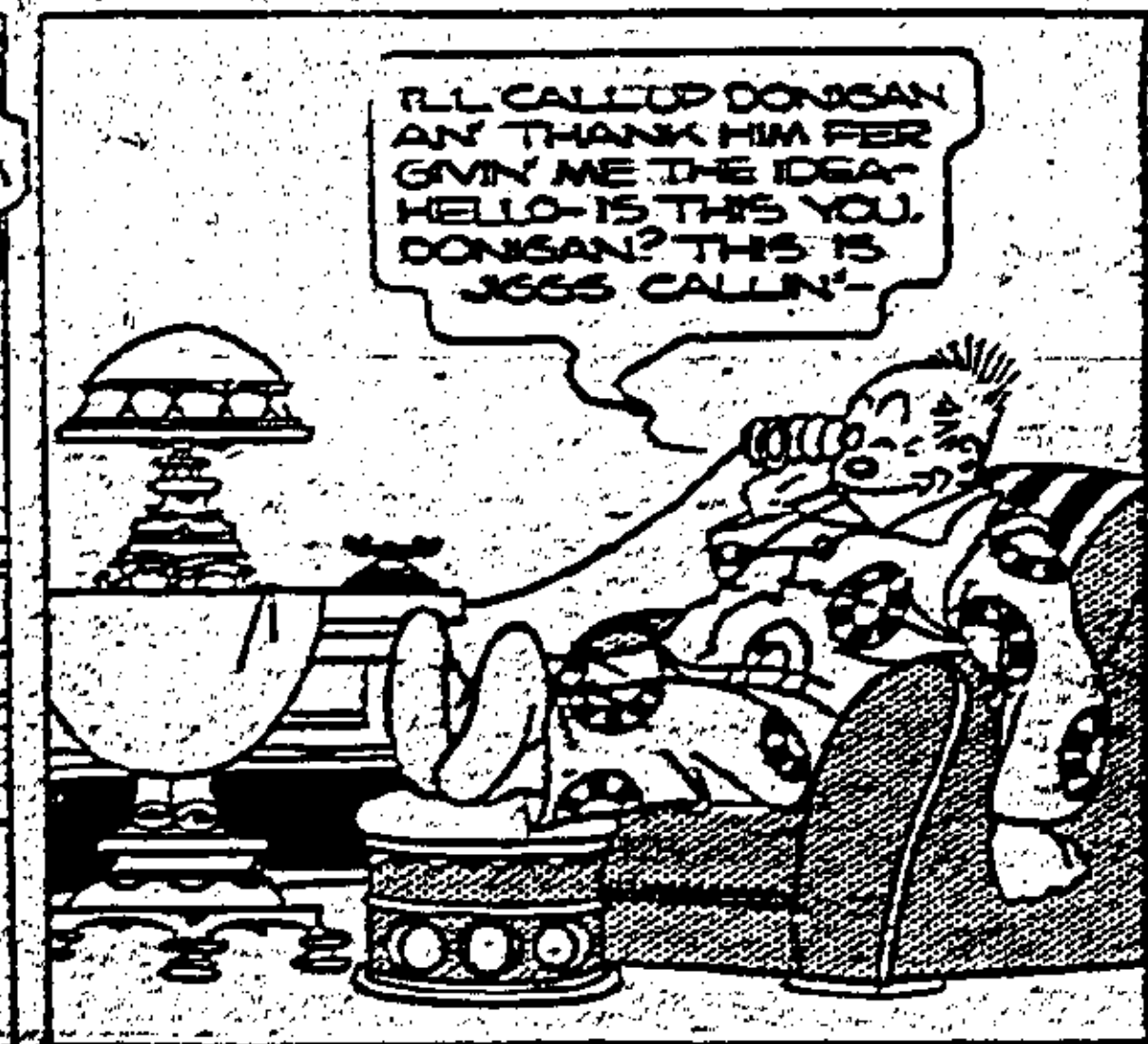
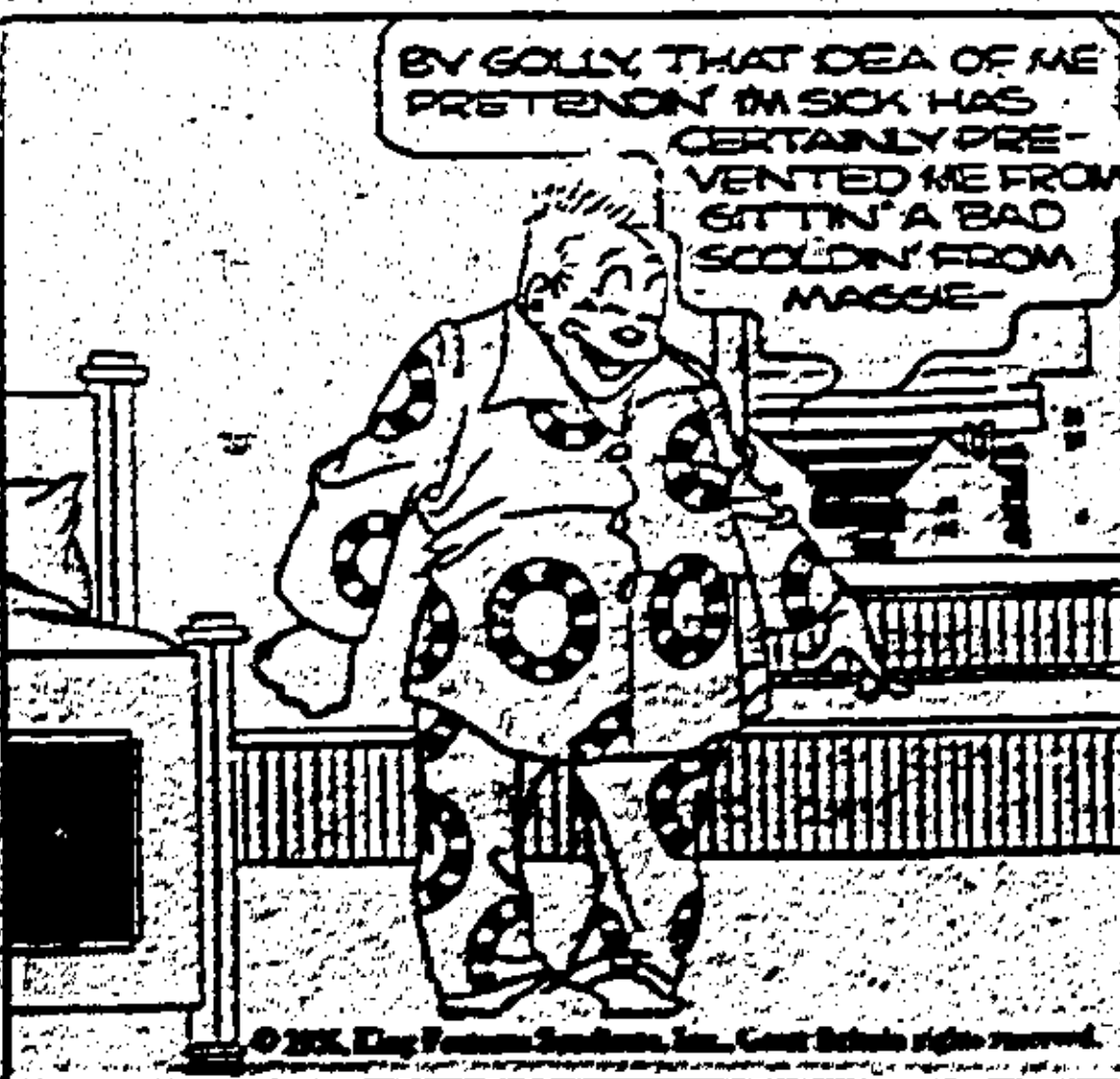


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Cinema Notes

MINI-KING'S THEATRE

The Latin quarter of Paris, with its shabby garrets, in which artists strive for recognition in their respective spheres and genius lurks unknown in the direct poverty is shown in this picture.

Durand's tenements was no exception to this mode of living. Here the numerous branches of art were well represented. Rodolphe the dramatist, Colline, a philosopher, Schaumard a composer, and Marcel a painter, together with his loving Musette, made up the talented nest. However, in spite of their remarkable gifts, little work was done and all like their minds were dormant, and their hands idle.

Into this group, Fate sent Mimi, vital and alert, inspiring in others the power and strength which were obviously lacking in her own delicate being. Her advent produces a complete transformation and animated by the great love he has for Mimi, Rodolphe writes a play which is very soon accepted through her untiring efforts. But the day of disappointment soon came, while the happy revellers at the Venetian Ball listen danced to the strains of "La Barcarolle" the crafty words of a former lover make her think that, though she has provided Rodolphe with the initial start in his career, she is now more of a hindrance than a help.

As a result of this she leaves Rodolphe and with breaking heart wanders into the cold night to seek solace. She becomes dangerously ill and is told by the doctor that she may recover if she can tide over the critical time of the year, the Autumn.

The premiere of Rodolphe's play "La Bohème" finds Mimi reunited to her former lover although dangerously ill, as the leaves of autumn start to fall.

"PAGE MISS GLORY"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

In the Cosmopolitan comedy "Page Miss Glory" Marion Davies in the stellar role has a supporting cast of more than a score of Hollywood stars and feature players.

Based on the sensational Broadway stage hit by Joseph Schrank and Philip Dunning with the screen version written by Delmer Daves and Robert Lord, "Page Miss Glory" was assigned to Warner Bros. ace director, Mervyn LeRoy, who selected such as Dick Powell, Pat O'Brien, Patsy Kelly, Mary Astor, Barton MacLane, Allen Jenkins and Hobart Cavanaugh for the leading roles.

"CASINO DE PARIS"—STAR THEATRE

Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler head an all-star cast in this picture and there are seven song hits. The big Bobby Connolly dance ensembles in the picture centres around "A Latin Quarter: from Manhattan" and "About a quarter to nine," and both these are sung by Ruby and Al.

Al Jolson, acknowledged the greatest "mammy song" singer of all times, introduces a new style mammy song by the title of "Mammy, I'll Sing About You." "Casino de Paris" is the title song of the New York night club that Jolson owns in the film and he sings the song with a new found verve, just as he does "Go Into Your Dance," the theme song. The screen play is by Earl Baldwin, based on a story by Bradford Ropes. Others in the cast include Glenda Farrell, Barton MacLane and Phil Regan.

"STORM OVER THE ANDES"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

Jack Holt is featured as the daring American aviator of fortune who throws his lot in with the air forces of a South American country in the throes of a civil war, and has an excellent supporting cast including Antonio Moreno, Grant Withers, and George Lewis. Besides colourful scenery, plenty of love interest, and exciting flying, there are many actual war scenes which are very exciting.

BRIDGE NOTES

Singleton Bad For Notrump

By Ely Culbertson

With only a singleton of the suit bid by partner, it is sometimes very difficult to play the hand at three notrump. As a rule, expert players try to avoid a notrump contract under this condition, knowing they may not be able to enter the dummy more than once to set up the partner's suit.

Sometimes, however, it becomes necessary, especially when both players hold a singleton of the rebid suit of partner, as in the hand below:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
S K Q 10 9 2
H 3
D J 7 6 2
C 10 7 4
S 8 4 2 N S A J 6 5
H K 8 7 5 W E H J 6
D 9 4 S D Q 10 8 5
C K 9 8 3 S Q 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S Pass 1 S Pass
3 H Pass 3 S Pass
SNT Pass Pass Pass

South's hand clearly warranted a try for game, as it probably could be laid down for at least eight tricks at hearts. The final choice of contract was a guess. As it happened, South's guess was correct.

West did not like to lead away from either King. He selected the nine of diamonds, which turned out to be a happy choice for the defence. Dummy played low and South won with the Ace. Declarer of course was compelled to develop the hearts by straight leads away from his tenaces. The lead of the Ace brought out only small cards. The second lead was of course the Queen. A little reflection will show that to lead any other card would be silly.

With only two adverse honours to contend with, declarer can lose only two heart tricks except against a 5-1 break. The only way in which he can avoid the loss of two tricks is to drop one of the missing honours unguarded. It would do him no good to drop a doubleton King, since the Jack would still make. Hence the only situation, after the lead of the Ace has felled nothing, in which he can clean up the suit with one loss is to find the Jack.

"BONNIE SCOTLAND"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

In their current production pompous Oliver Hardy accompanies his meek friend, "Stanley McLaurel," to Scotland to claim his share of the magnificent estates of a deceased uncle. To their chagrin, the uncle has bequeathed to Stan. Only some valueless heirlooms.

From a hilarious mix-up, the pair of fun-makers emerge to find themselves enlisted in the Scotch Highlanders and assigned to duty in India. Attired in kilts, the two comedians go through hazardous and breathless experiences as "laddies from hell." The result is a picture packed with well-timed laughs.

In the supporting cast is a new name to the screen, that of Anne Grey, who is a screen star in her own right. Other members in a cast of well-known players are Vernon Steele, James Finlayson, David Torrence, Daphne Pollard, Mary Gordon, Maurice Black and Lionel Belmore.

"NEVER TOO LATE"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

This picture, which stars Richard Talmadge, Thelma White and Mildred Harris, is one long series of thrills from start to finish. Portraying the role of a fearless police detective, Talmadge more than lives up to his reputation as the air forces of a South American country in the throes of a civil war, and has an excellent supporting cast including Antonio Moreno, Grant Withers, and George Lewis. Besides colourful scenery, plenty of love interest, and exciting flying, there are many actual war scenes which are very exciting.



Dick Powell, Ann Dvorak, Patsy Kelly and Fred Allen all take important parts in "Thanks A Million," the 20th Century production which will be shown at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

doubleton. For the sake of this possibility the Queen is the only correct second lead. West won the Queen of hearts with the King. North discarding the small spades. West led the four of diamonds, dummy again ducked, and East's eight-spot forced the King. Declarer could count eight top tricks. The ninth would have to come by taking advantage of the adverse difficulties of exit. In order to be sure to deprive the opponents of heart exit South cashed two more hearts, dummy discarding two spades. Then declarer led the spade.

If East held off, the spade trick would give declarer contract at once. East counted out the hand and properly won the King with the Ace. As the only hope for exit was in clubs, East led the Queen of clubs. Note that if East had led small, South would have ducked and West would have been forced in the lead with no way to escape giving declarer the game trick.

As it was, South won the Queen

of clubs with the Ace. He cashed another heart, dummy letting go the last of the small spades. Declarer saw that to cash the sixth heart might be fatal, as he might make the wrong discard from dummy. But, having seven tricks already in hand, he immediately led the club six toward the blank ten. If the King went up, the opponents could not avoid letting either North or South win two more tricks, and if the club ten were allowed to win, North could cash the top spade for the ninth trick at once.

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In Spring—Overture (Goldmark). Liebestraum (Liszt). Sleeping Beauty Waltz (Tchaikovsky). Marie Louise (Marsel). Love's Last Word is spoken (Bizet). Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss (Weber). Ich Liebe Dich—Waltz (Waldteufel). An Dich (Waldteufel). Turkish Patrol (arr. Lloyd). The Forge in the Forest (arr. Lloyd). 10 p.m.—Big Ben. Close Down.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

RELAY OF HONG KONG HOTEL DANCE ORCHESTRA
CHILDREN'S STUDIO CONCERT
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme
3 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.
6.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
7-7.30 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt). L'apprenti Sorcier (Dukas). Paganini Mobile (J. Strauss). Hansel and Gretel—Overture (Humperdinck).
7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio. Rex I. Pedley (Baritone). Gregorio Jarama (Violin). Doreen Ma (Accompanist).
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.05 p.m.—12 midnight—Chinese Studio Concert.
12 midnight—Close Down.
8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 kilocycles.
8.05-8.45 p.m.—"Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 18" (Bachmannoff) played by Sergei Rachmaninoff (Pianoforte) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
8.45-9 p.m.—A Recital by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano):
1. My Lovely Celia (arr. Lane and Wilson).
2. Pastorale (arr. Lane Wilson).
3. Ave Maria (Schubert).
4. Bird du bei mir (Bach).
9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).
9.15-10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.
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FLOWERS

Sporting Page

WALTER LINDRUM CHALLENGED FOR WORLD BILLIARDS TITLE?



Jack Lovelock, above, the famous New Zealand athlete, will be competing against the world's best at the Berlin Olympic Games in June this year.

QUEEN'S CLUB DEFEATED IN TENNIS MATCH

LADIES' PREVENT COMPLETE ROUT

SPORTING CLUB DE PARIS IN FINE FETTER

Paris, December 23. Queen's Club, London, suffered a heavy defeat in a two-day Lawn Tennis match against the Sporting Club de Paris, which was concluded here to-day, the French side winning by 9 events to 1.

The Paris club gained a winning lead of 5-0 on Saturday, and they lost only one of yesterday's five matches.

Mrs. E. C. Peters and Miss E. H. Harvey saved Queen's from complete rout. They beat Mlle. J. Goldschmidt and Mlle. F. Panettier by 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, in the final match.

Destreman Shines

A feature of Saturday's play was the excellent form of B. Destreman, who is regarded as a future Davis Cup player, in his match against E. C. Peters. The Englishman was outclassed by Destreman, who conceded only seven games.

In the other men's single E. R. Avory lost to P. Landry in three sets after a good fight. He and Peters were tired after their efforts in the singles and were beaten in straight sets by J. Bortra and Destreman. Results:

Saturday

SINGLES.—B. Destreman (Paris) beat E. C. Peters 6-3, 6-4; P. Landry (Paris) beat E. R. Avory 6-3, 6-2; Mlle. Panettier (Paris) beat Mlle. E. H. Harvey 7-5, 6-2; Mlle. Goldschmidt (Paris) beat Mrs. E. C. Peters 6-2, 7-5.

DOUBLES.—J. Bortra and Destreman (Paris) beat Peters and Avory 6-3, 6-2.

Sunday

SINGLES.—J. Jamin (Paris) beat Avory 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; P. Pelissier (Paris) beat Peters 6-1, 6-1. DOUBLES.—Mlle. Bortra and Bortra (Paris) beat Miss Harvey and Avory 4-8, 6-0, 6-2; Mrs. Peters and Miss Harvey (Queen's) beat Mlle. Goldschmidt and Mlle. Panettier 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

H.K.F.A. CANCEL ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, arranged for Monday next, has been cancelled. The annual meeting, however, will take place at the Sports Club at 6.45 p.m.

TENNIS STARS IN THE WINTER MONTHS

WHERE THEY GO AND WHAT THEY DO

SECLUSION IN THE OFF SEASON

(By Stanley N. Doust)

London, December 19.

HOW do "star" lawn tennis players spend the winter months? I am asked this question over and over again as if there were something mysterious about their seclusion in the off season.

The star lawn tennis players—those men who represent Britain in the Davis Cup or the women who carry the British flag to the United States for the Wightman Cup—have a very hard season which begins in early spring and finishes in the autumn.

They need a rest from the international fray, but at the same time they prefer—in the majority of cases—to spend the winter months, or some part of them, in those lands where it is summer while it is winter here.

Always there is an invitation to the Lawn Tennis Association from some Dominion or Colony to send a representative team to play a series of matches and possibly to play in the championships of that country. Last year for instance, it was from Australia the invitation came and this year a women's team is to visit South Africa.

Miss Katherine Stammers and Miss Dorothy Round two members of this year's Wightman Cup team who visited the United States last August, are, however, remaining in England this winter. In the past two winters Miss Round visited Japan, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and other countries. When she arrived back in England last March Miss Round had that healthy, happy look of those who enjoy sunshine. She will find the English winter somewhat trying, but as she is now immersed in business no doubt the time will pass quickly. In her spare moments Miss Round will take sufficient exercise to keep her muscles supple, and possibly do some riding, of which she is very fond.

Miss Stammers will doubtless sigh when she reads of the doings of the team in South Africa, and wish she were with them, as she could have been had she so desired. But Miss Stammers feels the need of a rest after several years of lawn tennis without a break.

Versatile Sportswoman

Miss Stammers is a very versatile sportswoman. She is taking lessons at golf, playing hockey, riding a good deal, and generally relaxing. I know, too, that Miss Stammers has just started a business career as a sports-dress designer which will not interfere with her tennis.

The team for South Africa is: Miss Nancy Lyle, Miss E. Dearman, Miss Freda James, Miss M. Scriven and Miss M. Hardwicke. Nearly every one is an all-round player of games. Miss Lyle is playing some golf and squash as a variation to her lawn tennis practice at Wimbledon on the hard courts. Miss Dearman prefers golf to squash.

Miss Freda James had a few lessons from one of the Ryder Cup team in the summer coming from America. Those lessons have spurred her on to attempt big things on the golf course. So she is often to be seen on a golf course near Nottingham, where she lives.

Miss Mary Hardwicke is one of those whose keenness for lawn tennis is so great that she spends most of the winter months practising and receiving coaching at Wimbledon.

MOORE INJURED

Gwyn Moore, the Neath centre three-quarter, may not play till the new year owing to an ankle injury, and W. R. J. Jones, the identical centre, is in hospital with a facial injury which may keep him out of the field for months.



The Royal Air Force Third Division League Football team, above, are gradually regaining their all-conquering form of two seasons ago. ("China Mail" photo).

JOCK MCAVOY'S TRIUMPH

PRIMO CARNERA SAILS FOR AMERICA

Hopes For Return Bout With Joe Louis

Genoa, January 15. Primo Carnera, huge Italian fighter, sailed for New York to-day to engage in a series of fights in the United States. He hopes eventually to meet Joe Louis, Detroit Negro. In a previous meeting Louis defeated Carnera by a technical knockout.

SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS OVER RISK

JOHN HENRY LEWIS LOSES APPETITE!

A "FEINT" WHICH WORKED

New York, December 22. John Henry Lewis, light-heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, had no appetite for luncheon to-day. Babe Risko, America's middle-weight champion, could only muster enough strength to swallow a little bread and milk.

That lad from Lancashire, Jock McAvoy, was the reason for both.

He knocked down Risko six times in the first round of his fight at Madison-square Garden last night.

Some unkind friend telephoned an exciting account of that whirlwind round to Lewis, who will meet McAvoy in his next fight the date of which is to be fixed.

Lots Of Fun

McAvoy's sensational one-round victory brought him the praise of the experts to-day.

"This Jock's the best English fighter we have seen for half a century," they say.

Jock spent to-day with his little Lancashire wife, who came all the way from home to be by his side during his American campaign.

"This is the first Christmas we have spent away from England," she told me to-day.

"It feels strange and yet it's lots of fun."

"It was certainly fun last night," interrupted her husband. "It has been some time since I finished them in the first round, but I hurt my hands some time ago, and I just had to stop being a fighter and become a boxer."

"Well, my hands were feeling better last night, and I thought I would give them a test. They stood up to it pretty well."

"My Cue"

Dave Lumiansky, my manager, and I went to Philadelphia the other day and watched Babe Risko fight. He was floored for the first time in his life by a right. "That was my cue. While the Babe's spies were watching my training I led with my left."

"When I went into the ring last night I let go a straight right for the Babe's jaw."

"It was lucky. It had the effect we thought it would. He never recovered from that first surprise."

BEST "SPORTSMAN"

Eric Clark, aged 13, a pupil at Christ Church elementary school, Surbiton, has been chosen by his fellow pupils as the best "sportsman" in the school. Three times a week, for more than a year, he has visited a paralysed old boy and changed his library books for him.

MAY MEET AMERICAN IN NO POCKET GAME

SYDNEY SMITH'S AMAZING SNOOKER FEAT

TABLE CLEARED IN TWO VISITS

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, December 19.

WHILE young Horace Lindrum has been commanding the billiards spotlight in England, his uncle Walter, the greatest of them all, is doing a little pioneering in Canada.

The elder Lindrum's trip to Canada this winter, in fact was the main reason why he left England out of his plans. Accompanying him on the tour is Clark McConachy, the New Zealander who exhibited his quality here some seasons ago.

The pair have been busy demonstrating the art of English billiards to the folk of Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Edmonton, and the response at the box-office has been highly gratifying.

Across the border in the United States the championship of the American pocketless game has recently been completed, leaving the 39-years-old Californian Walker Cochran as the title-holder.

And the inevitable suggestion is now advanced that Lindrum and Cochran should meet for the "world's billiards supremacy."

Tournament For Four

Exactly how the leading exponents of two different types of games expect fairly and satisfactorily to decide who is the superior player is not explained.

However, Mr. Clyde Storer, president of the American Billiards Association, has got to the point of conferring with Lindrum and McConachy on the subject of a tournament with Cochran and Willie Hoppe, former champion of the United States.

Presumably it would be played under American conditions, and master that Lindrum is, he could not possibly justify himself on a small pocketless table with balls nearly double the size of those in use here.

All The Points

Sidney Smith, who is going to play in the Daily Mail gold cup tournament this season, amazed onlookers at a club in Woolwich the other night by clearing the table at snooker in two visits.

Naturally, he is delighted with the feat, never having been near such a performance before.

His opponent broke the reds without scoring and Smith got in with a 68 break. Another profitless shot by his rival let Smith in again, and he sank all the remaining balls in a run of 58.

The unlikely opponent must now be wondering what he was there for! But he need not despair. Worse has happened.

Horace Lindrum, after seeing his opponent break off, has cleared the entire board in one innings—and he has done so twice!

HAPPY EVENT AT STABLES

Nokomis, an Australian subscription griffin belonging to Mrs. L. Dunbar, foaled a bay filly early yesterday morning.



G. P. Lammert, above, the Club's star wing three-quarter, who has been away from the Colony for well over six months, will be badly missed from next Saturday's Interport Rugby match.

FOOTBALL INTERPORT TO-MORROW

Colony's Chances Very Bright

NORTHERN FULL-BACKS THEIR WEAKNESS?

(By "REFEREE")

The Colony Interport football team will have to produce their best form to-morrow afternoon on the Camidome ground in Shanghai, where they meet the Shanghai F.A. in the 16th Interport contest and, judging on their form in their match against the Rest of the Colony last Saturday, the Hong Kong team stand an excellent chance of repeating their November 1932 effort, when the side under W. E. Holland's management won for the first time on Shanghai soil.

Much of the Colony's success will depend upon the fitness of the three Chinese players Leung Wing-chin, Lee Kwok-wai and Lee Wai-tong, none of whom were really fit when they left the Colony.

The Colony have nothing to fear from the Shanghai defence, although Harry Madar's terrible methods are likely to give Bertie Gosano no rest on the right wing.

Shanghai Weakness?

Li Ning, the Shanghai left-back is no stranger to the Colony as he has played in two previous Interports, but he does not compare with Pile, and the Colony forward should encounter no difficulty in this direction.

SHANGHAI ASK HONG KONG FOR PLAYING ADVICE

The Shanghai Football Association called the H.K.F.A. on Tuesday as to whether the Interport contest scheduled for to-morrow should take place, and the latter body replied in the affirmative.

Collaco, Albert Howe, Boisacis and Darlike Chan have all been seen in action in Hong Kong and the Colony's defence should be able to cope with all four successfully, but Foy is a newcomer on the right wing.

Of the 15 Interport games already played between the two sides, Shanghai have won 9 and Hong Kong 6.

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CHRISTENING.

The Bishop and Mrs. Hall will be glad to see their friends at the Christening of their son in St. John's Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, January 26 and afterwards for tea in the Cathedral Hall.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Jan. 23, 1936.

A Happy New Year

The vagaries of the Moon have this year brought the two celebrations of the New Year within the same month, with the inevitable result that a repetition of good wishes seems slightly formal. All that one can say is that it is never the wrong time to wish our neighbours "all the best." Considering how closely our interests are intertwined, a cynic might also add that in wishing our neighbours a prosperous year we are not leaving ourselves entirely out of account.

A Japanese writer has recently published an article in which he expresses a feigned sympathy with our own race, on the ground that we are obviously decadent. We are failing to keep up our Army and Navy. We have lost our patriotism, and so on. We have heard the same thing on many occasions before, and if they were true we certainly could not expect a good year for ourselves. The wish that is father to the thought probably also suggests similar criticisms of modern China. We see descriptions of contemporary China by those who aim at exploiting her which would certainly suggest that so backward a country would not be worth exploiting. The retort that if the description is true the obviously wise course would be to leave her to look after her own affairs would not be popular, and would not be acted upon.

On the other hand the impressions gained by visitors who have read accounts of the stringency of traditional procedure and the feebleness of the attempt to deal with emergencies, and who travel in the country to form their own estimate, is one of surprise at the unbounded energy of the younger generation. One such observant visitor said the other day that the young men of China were an engine of boundless motive power waiting only for an engineer to put it to work. In our opinion that is a true word, and the question why so much effort runs to waste is the point to which we should apply our reflection.

Impatience may be excusable, but it does seem that too much is expected, and at an impossible rate, from the educated leaders. Though the size of the country and the vast millions of population are what strike the stranger first and most vividly, he neglects to allow for them when he writes a criticism of political action. It would not be easy to imagine any operation more delicate than the adaptation of new ideas that are only followed by Western students with some difficulty through their rapid developments, to habits and a point of view that have all the immobility of centuries of use to guarantee their soundness. A retrospect of the struggles of reformers and their proposals in even the most advanced communities does not encourage the idea that changes can be made to order merely because they would be advantageous. All this is the merest collection of truisms, but it is

COMMUNISM IN FRANCE

Congratulations From Komintern

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL
Paris, To-day.

The French Communist Party, on the occasion of the opening of its general congress yesterday, received from the Secretary of the Komintern, M. Dimitroff, a message congratulating the party on the "successes obtained in the fight against the Fascist reaction."

The message goes on to say: "These successes are the fruit of a struggle destined to consolidate an united proletarian front as well as to strengthen the action of the labour syndicates on the basis of class warfare."

The message concludes by stressing the necessity of educating all the new recruits of the party in the spirit of Lenin and Stalin. The Communist organ *Humanite* records with satisfaction that the War Minister, M. Fabry, had been "compelled to admit" in the Chamber on Tuesday the existence of Communist cells in the French army.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Your Daily Smile!

TRAVELLER

Lady (rhapsodizing over the view): "Exquisite! This is exactly like heaven!"

Driver of the char-a-banc party: "Lumme, Alf! She's been about a bit!"

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Mrs. Hawkins: "I have just been reading that in the *Saratoga Islands* a wife can be bought for fifteen shillings. Isn't it dreadful?"

Mr. Hawkins: "Well, I suppose there are profiteers there just as in any other country."

extraordinary how they are neglected by critics in a hurry. The advance that can be made in any one year is very slight in comparison with all that has to be done, and can usually only be made if the reformers are either assisted or left alone. In the case of the China of the present day, neither condition has been granted by Providence. The advisers have given contrary advice, much of which has not been disinterested, and there is only too good reason to believe that a great deal of the interference has been deliberately designed to prevent any progress at all. Our first wish for better days will therefore be that the Chinese Republic may be exempt during the coming year from mischievous interference.

Given that freedom of action what boundless tasks lie ahead! There is the vast programme of road-making, of which so good a beginning has been made in several Provinces. The backbone of the country is the peasant farmer, and the great lack of the countryside is the co-operative buying and selling that will deliver the farmer from the money-lender. Most encouraging reports have been submitted of the progress already made, and all that is needed is to allow the farmer to have security from molestation by bandit and oppressive tax-collector. Hand in hand with this movement has gone the adult education movement, with its simplified vocabulary, the possibilities of which are unbounded. Here again all that is needed is the assurance of peace. There is so much will to learn in the country districts that the New Life movement might easily grow to dimensions that would falsify all the cautious estimates.

Far too much prominence has been attached to trade statistics, as if a profitable investment were all that the rest of the world wanted from China. The trade and the profit will come automatically when the new China has found herself and the task of the moment is to stand by and give good counsel if it is requested—not otherwise. How can anyone trust in advice given by men who have only sought their own profit in the past, and who give by their acts make it clear that they have no other object in the present?

That it is far from easy in face of defaults and disappointments to keep this attitude of helpfulness consistently we know only too well. But the best New Year wish we can give is that the New Life movement may grow, and be allowed to grow without foreign interference.

Here There and Everywhere

LITERARY MONSTER

The following lines were recently quoted in a Home paper—Across the wires the electric message came:

He is no better—he is much the same.

Lord Alfred Douglas wrote to say that they should read:

Flashed from his bed the electric message came:

He is no better, he is much the same.

Mr. Hector Bolitho, in "Victoria the Widow and Her Son," has yet a third version:

Flashed o'er the wires the fateful message came,

He is no better:

He is much the same.

The lines were written during King Edward's illness from typhoid fever while he was Prince of Wales. Who wrote them?

WAS IT A JOKE?

The authorship has been put down to Alfred Austin, therein following a widespread tradition. Mr. Bolitho cautiously speaks of the lines as those which "Alfred Austin was said to have written." Lord Alfred Douglas says that they appeared in a "poem" written by an undergraduate at Cambridge in a prize poem competition.

The lines are so famous for their badness, that one would like to see the point cleared up once for all. Can anyone point to the time and place of their first appearance and give the author's name?

The slight differences of phrasing suggest either that the original has been lost in the mists of antiquity or that the lines are the work of some joker who started the Austin legend.

"POOR AUSTIN"

Was Alfred Austin so bad a poet as people think? Lord Alfred Douglas says that "poor Austin was a much better poet than is generally supposed," and he adds: "I know of at least one fine sonnet that he wrote."

That is the first good word to be heard for Austin for a very long time. In the popular mind he and the poet Pye are considered to be the two worst poets ever to hold the Laureateship.

A tribute from a poet himself so distinguished as Lord Alfred Douglas is interesting.

LONG MARCHES AND HARD WORK WITH THE ITALIANS IN ETHIOPIA

SOLDIERS AND WORKERS CHEERFUL IN SPITE OF CONDITIONS

(By Lt.-Comdr. Mortimer Durand)

[The following article by a special correspondent is particularly interesting in view of the possibility, mentioned in a Trans-Ocean message last Wednesday, that the Italians may be forced to surrender, since, with the coming of the rains, the state of the roads has made an advance and a withdrawal equally difficult.]

Massawa.

One of the first things that struck me when, returning from up-country I entered Massawa in the last days of November, was the enormous number of refrigerators standing by the roadside, ready to be installed for the frozen meat supply.

Up to date, I was told, about 35 ships have been kept in harbour for the purpose of making ice for the cold-boxes on shore, and for conserving the meat.

The harbour at Massawa, between the steamer in which I spent the night and the Governor's palace, was full of Arab dhows, with heavily raking masts, and high stern and stern posts brightly painted in crude colours. They were laden with stores—big straw-covered wine bottles, boxes of macaroni, sacks of flour; some had brand new lorries in them, some planks of timber, others coils of copper wire.

Assembly Station

In front of the white-domed palace, close by the waterside, was an open-air assembly station for lorries. There were only about a dozen lorries there.

A ship's captain said to me: "Massawa is a very different place from what it was. There has been time enough now to organise things. The confusion at first was extraordinary." (The unpreparedness of the port has been mentioned to me as proof of Italy's innocence of forcing war on Ethiopia.)

There were some 60 or 70 steamships in the harbour, including naval vessels. A number of ships with stores lay stern to the jetty alongside the one I was in, awaiting their turn to haul further up where other ships were unloading.

Lighters lay alongside the jetty unloading. There was a deal of chanting from the grey-robed blacks, with their small brown fezzes—more chant than

working, it seemed to me.

It took seven or eight of them to lift a load which three white workmen could have handled, as well as much vocal exhortation. Between jobs they clapped hands in rhythmic unison. Among the crowded shipping, natives, usually almost naked, paddled dug-out canoes with long-handled, round-bladed paddles.

Along the water-front colourfully dressed natives thronged, lorries hurried, officers' cars sped about, small carts drawn by the little donkey-like Abyssinian mules clattered, and camels paced disdainfully—evidently regarding all this work with deep distaste.

I was told that there was less activity than usual on the roads, because traffic had been held up to allow the retiring and arriving Marshals a clear run through to Asmara. At the far end of the jetty there was a great mass of stores. I noticed some American-made hand-saws. In one part was a great collection of big wine bottles, with Carabinieri on guard over them.

Outbursts Of Cheering

When at lunch, at which I was entertained in the Italian front line in the north, bursts of cheering sounded from the mountainside. I was told this was an Askari custom on arriving at a new station. Four companies came pouring down the hill tracks, singing. I was introduced to the Shumbashi, senior Askari in rank, who carries the colours in action. This Shumbashi had joined at the age of 14, and meant to serve till the retiring age of 70.

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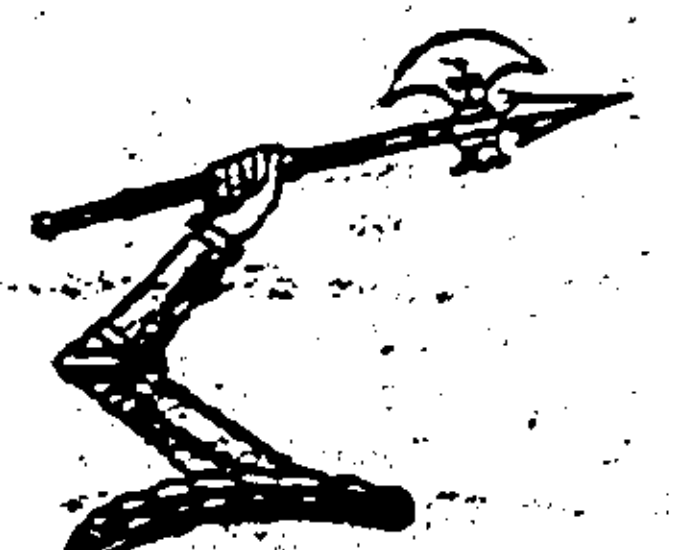
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Commerce and
Finance.TAX IMPOST IN
KWANGTUNGRefused By Foreign
FirmsMATTER REFERRED TO
NANKING

From Our Own Correspondent
Canton, To-day.

Foreign firms in Shamen and the
Chinese city are not surprised
by the report that the Provincial
Department of Finance will take no
further steps in enforcing the col-
lection of the business tax, but will
refer the matter to the Ministry
of Finance and the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs for action.

Mr. Hsieh Yung-nien, a sec-
retary of the Finance De-
partment, stated that the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs has been re-
quested to negotiate with the
Powers with a view to collecting
this tax from foreign firms in Can-
ton.

In foreign circles, this attempt
amounts to an abandonment of the
collection of the tax. Foreign firms
in the Chinese city were requested
to pay the impost, and those sub-
stantially owned by Chinese share-
holders are paying this tax. Those
owned wholly by foreign im-
porters have declined to pay this
tax, on the ground that such levy
is not provided for in the treaties.

So far the foreign firms in Sha-
men have never been notified to
pay this tax. Hence the referring
of this issue to Nanking is tant-
amount to an end to the collection.

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKETAggressive Demand
Re-appearsSTIMULATING INFLUENCE
ON PRICES

Messrs. White, Weld and Com-
pany, New York Correspondents
for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Com-
pany, report—

Stocks: The re-appearance of
aggressive demand to-day coincided
with further progress in Bonus
legislation and the re-opening of
the London market in a more
cheerful frame of mind. As pre-
viously stated business prospects,
an unbalanced budget, the Bonus
threat and important forthcoming
fourth-quarter reports continue to
prices. Business done: 2,150,000
shares.

Wheat: The revival of aggres-
sive demand for flour is drawing
near. We still advise purchases
on setbacks. Total sales: 3,020,000
bushels.

Cotton: A Government Agency
is believed to have been good sell-
ers of January cotton. Trade
buying is increasing, with stran-
gers selling March and buying
October cotton.

"Copper": Consistent substantial
buying is strengthening the
foundation of the market and the
possibility of a decline is remote.
We think prices will go higher
and we would recommend a
gradual switch of March to for-
ward positions.

The magazine Standard Statis-
tics report:

Rubber: Until there is an im-
portant gain in domestic consump-
tion we are against an active pur-
chasing policy.

Wheat: Imports of Canadian
wheat tend to check the domestic
upward trend. Commitments are
not advisable.

SHARE MARKET

H. K. Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued at 12.30 p.m.
yesterday.

The market opened steady with
rates well maintained, and buyers
predominating.

Bank of East Asia \$80 b.
Underwriters \$110 1/2 sa.
H. K. Steamboats 37 1/2 b.
Union Waterboats \$14 1/2 sa.
Antamoks \$137 b. \$160 sa.
Gold Rivers 7 cts. sa.
Ipo Mining 90 cts. b.
Ranb \$11.10 b.
Venz Goldfields \$3 b.
Providents (Old) \$220 b.
\$220/24 sa.
Providents (New) 45 cts. b.
Hotels \$5.30/5.90 sa.
H. K. Lands \$35.30/36 sa.
H. K. Trams \$14.10 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$5 b.
Star Ferries \$94 b.
Yamatani Ferries \$18 1/2 b.
China Lights (Old) \$11.40 b.
\$11.35/11 1/4 sa.
China Lights (New) \$3.10 b.
\$3.15/3.20 sa.
Electric \$74 1/2/73 1/2 sa.
Sankuan Lights \$4 1/2 b.
Telephones (Old) \$26 1/2 b. \$27
sa.
Telephones (New) \$10.20/10 1/4
sa.
Singapore Tractions 15 1/3 b.
H. K. Ropes \$5.55 b.
Watsons \$5 sa.
Wing On (H.K.) \$53 b.
Constructions (Old) \$1 1/2 b.
Govt. 4% Loan 5 1/4 Prem. b.
Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par. sa.

Long Marches And Hard Work

(Continued from Page 4)

Noticing that most of the
officers were Alpines, I asked
if all officers of native troops
were from this regiment. The
reply was delightfully naive:
"Not all, but nearly all. You
see, we are all picked men."
"Then you will have many
Bersaglieri officers," I suggest-
ed.

The Alpini major smiled gen-
tly. "Soldats de ville sont tou-
jours soldats de ville," he an-
swered, "nous sommes soldats
des montagnes."

There came an occasion days
later when I saw the same gen-
tle smile on the face of a Ber-
saglieri officer when I spoke ad-
miringly of Alpines. The
rivalry between these crack re-
giments is intense.

Like all Italians, the Alpini
are very musical, and after the
mess dinner they sang their
famous songs, "Sul Ponte di
Bassano," "Sul Capello," and so
on.

Wonderful Fellow

That the Italian soldier is a
wonderful fellow no one with
the forces can deny. He came
out here to fight for his Duce,
and finds that the enemy does
not stand up to give him his
chance. War, it appears, is
principally a matter of cruel-
ling road work, with an occa-
sional long march to endure.

There is a bond between offi-
cers and men which a foreigner
is apt at first to mistake for lack
of discipline—but learns his
mistake quickly on observing
how readily orders are carried
out. To a foreigner it seems
as though the Italian soldier
never does any drilling. One
understands in time that a lot
of squad drill would be out of
place in an operation of this
nature.

The job of keeping a rifle
clean must be heartbreaking in
the all-enveloping dust of
Ethiopia. One sees the Black-
shirts trudging along with their
accoutrements grey with it.
The first thought that crosses
one's mind is—a few rounds to
warm that rifle up and a jam
might occur! But they manage
somehow to avoid such troubles.

Terrible Dust

Being banged about in a lorry
over rough military roads is no
pleasure—at the end of those
journeys to the front one does
not seem to have a muscle that
does not ache. But it must be
a great deal more comfortable
than toiling with pick and
shovel in the burning heat, while
passing lorries make the air
foul with the dust of Ethiopia.
Yet one is always cheerily
greeted by the road-makers who
up to date have been doing more
than anyone to win the war for
Italy.

Whether they are labouring
with picks, smashing rocks with
hammers, manhandling boulders
and hurling them down pre-
cipitous mountainsides—or whe-
ther they are simply pouring
shovelful after shovelful of the
soft, fine powder over the edge
of the roadside—somehow they
can always find a smile.

That is more than I can do
when the dust has settled over
me. Soon after leaving Asmara
it begins to make life unbear-
able, settling softly over hands
and face, powdering the clothes,
getting into the eyes so that
one's eyelids seem to grate over
the eyeballs, filling and choking
mouth and nose, and setting up
a continual irritation in the
bronchial tubes.

Acrid Taste

The dust has an acrid taste
that seems peculiar, and worse

than any other dust I have ever

eaten. It seems finer than any
other. "Pulvere," the Italian
word, fits it admirably. It lies
several inches deep on the roads,
rolls softly away from the
wheels of lorries like the bow
wave of a ship, billows up be-
side them and rises in their
wake in a smoke-like plume to
hang in the still air for minutes
before gradually dissipating.

On the roads, all faces are grey,
masks, grim and ghost-like.
And yet you hear the road-
workers singing as they troop
off to their tents in the dusk of
evening.

On many parts of the roads
it is necessary to slow right
down on passing another lorry
because even at midday the
dust-cloud behind it is blinding,
and it is quite impossible to see
the road ahead. At dusk, near
Adowa, my lorry met a lorry
train, and we had to pull up for
minutes until the fog of its
passage, impenetrable as a
London "pea-souper" of old,
had cleared enough to let our
driver see his way.

When rain fell the other day,
all this dust was turned to mud,
and I saw many a lorry station-
ary with churning wheels. My
own stuck likewise in several
places. This will be an addi-
tional problem to be tackled
when the rainy season comes.

Wild Country Creatures

A short while in Ethiopia dis-
pels many preconceived ideas
about this country's horrors.
Amhara and other parts farther
to the South and East may have
their pests, but the Tigrai is
remarkably clear of them.
When I have been up at any of
the front line positions I have
almost always slept on the
ground, and it never occurred to
me to think about snakes or
scorpions.

Dr. Franca, when I paid him
a visit at his tent with Ras
Gugsa's irregulars, told me that
down in the deep canyons where
rivers run snakes were some-
times to be found. On the
highlands they were practically
non-existent.

Of larger creatures there
are only cowardly hyenas,
which one sometimes hears at
night, as well as the shrill bark-
ing of jackals. I am told that

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OWING to the funeral of H. M.
the King, the date for the
completion of the 3rd round of
the "Taggart Cup" and the 2nd
round of the "Captain's Cup"
which should have been January
28th, has been extended to Febru-
ary 4th. Other rounds and
competitions will not be affected
and must be completed as origi-
nally arranged.

F. M. STEVENSON,

Hon. Secretary.

the apes might be dangerous to
an unarmed man alone, but I am
inclined to regard this as an-
other snake story. A band of
these animals fled from my
lorry's approach in the Entisio
district. They were more than
half a man's height, and power-
ful-looking. They moved very
fast, sending up a cloud of dust
behind them.

Feared By Ethiopians

It is said that the Ethiopians
fear these apes, and they cer-
tainly are afraid of hyenas,
which come at night and steal
babies. This is the reason for
the stone walls, usually sur-
mounted by a fence of sticks
which surround most Ethiopian
huts.

In the Entisio valley, where
I lunched one day by a stream
with a tank squadron, whose
officers were all cavalry men, I
was told a story at the expense
of their commanding officer. A
huge sycamore tree provided
their open-air mess table with
shade. "In the stream," a lieuten-
ant, who had been educated
at Oxford, told me, "there is a
natural hollow in the rock bed
just like a rock bath-tub. Our
C.O. was lying in it one even-
ing when a little alligator, about
a foot or two in length, was
washed into his bath on top of
him."

"When we asked the C.O.
what action he took in the mat-
ter he said, 'I felt sure it was
a lady alligator, so, as a gentle-
man, I at once conceded her
right of place.'"

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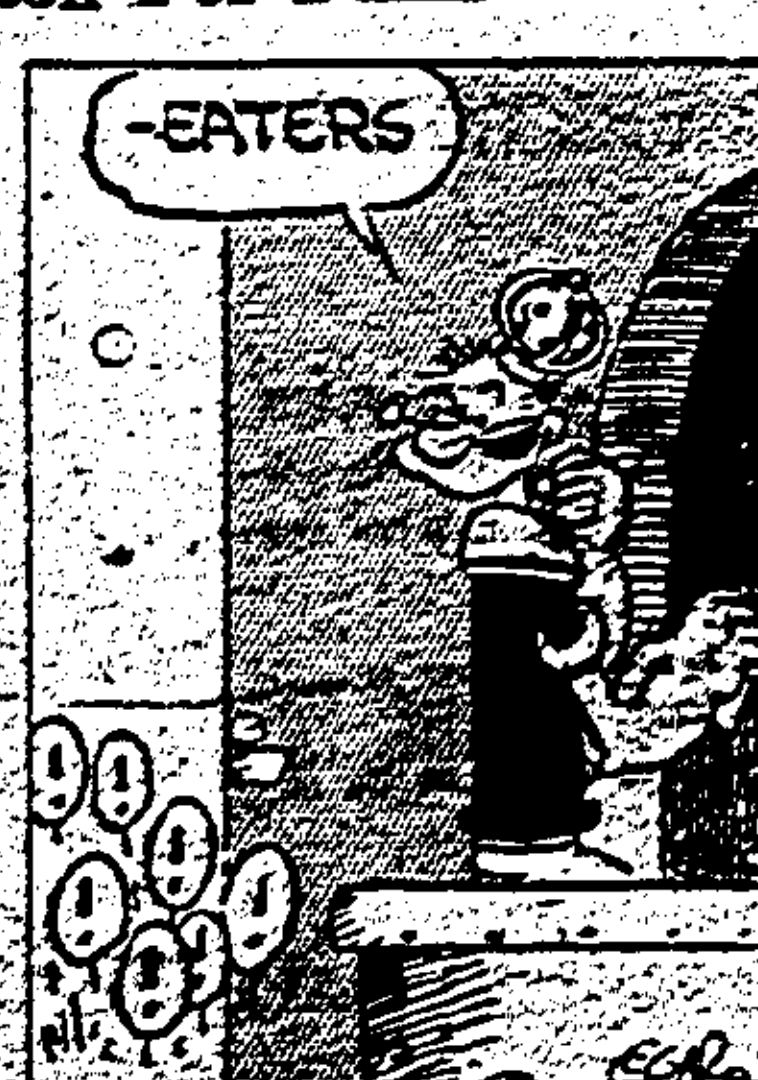
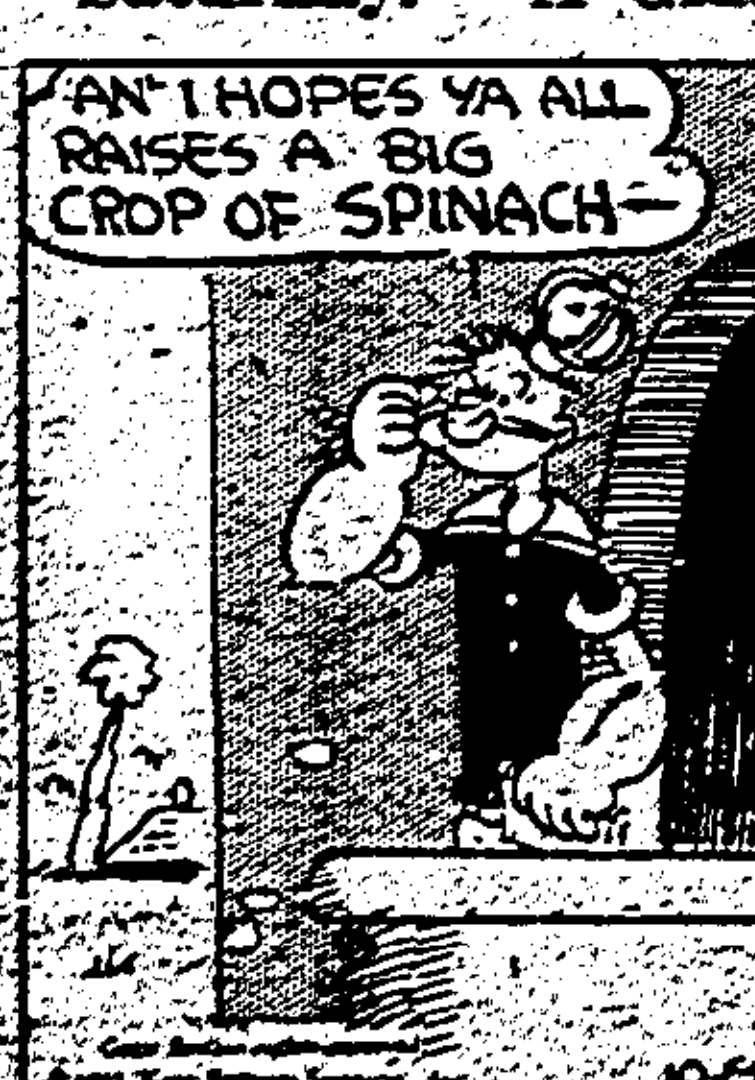
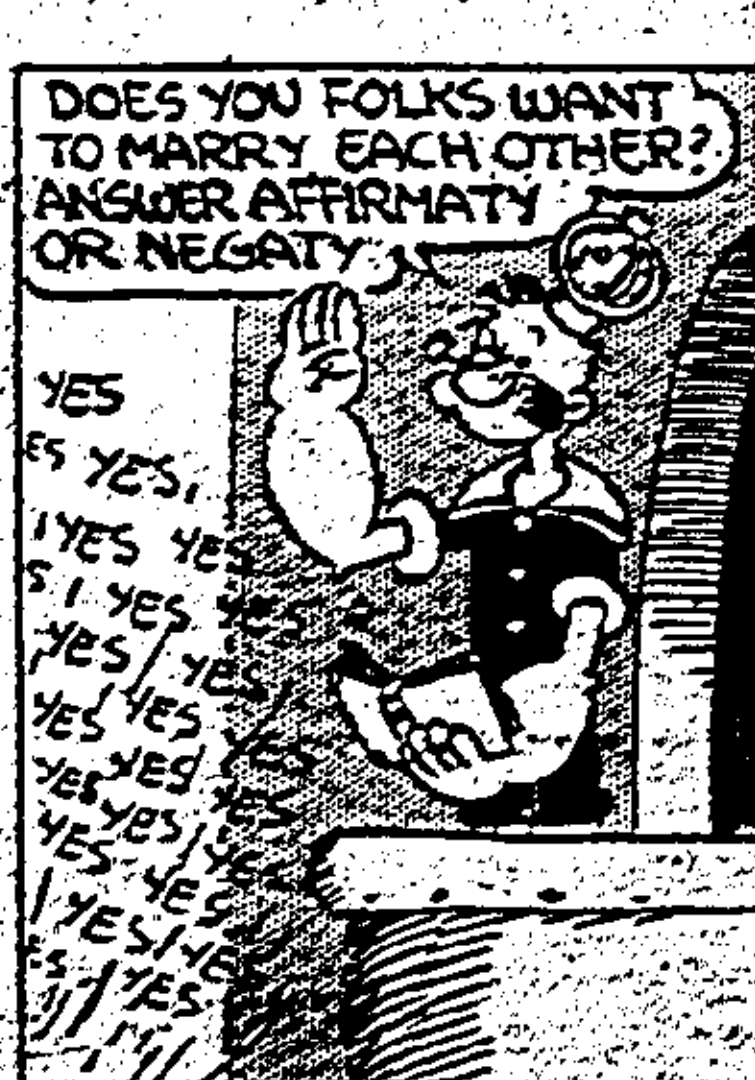
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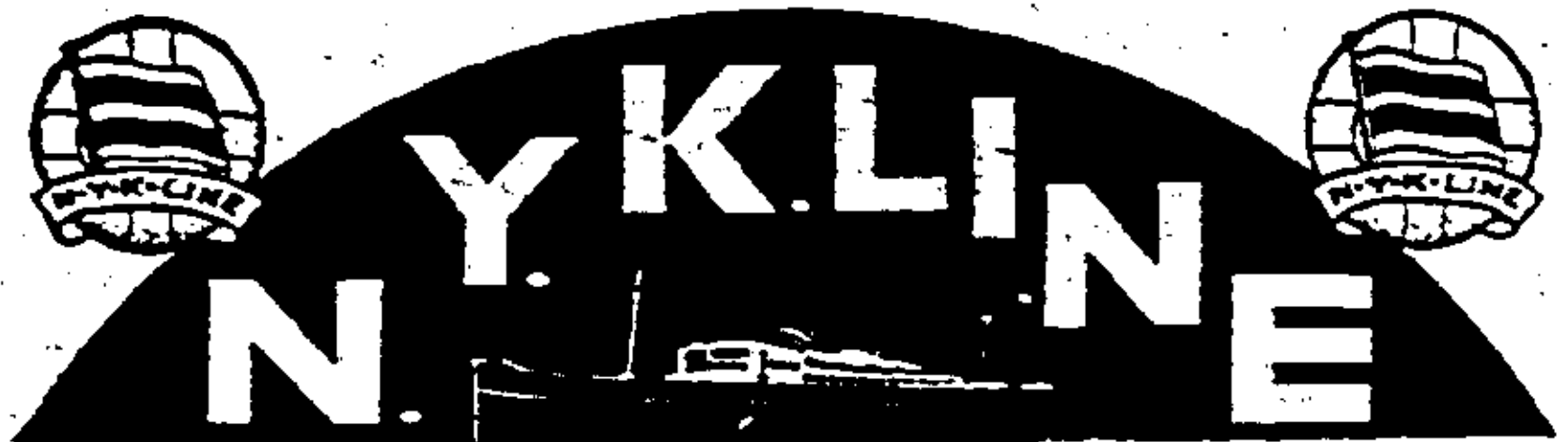
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Saturday, January 25: Con-
version of St. Paul, Apost. 3 p.m.
Meeting of St. Teresa's Chinese
Young Men at the Rectory for
visit to the sick.

Sunday, January 26: Third
Sunday after Epiphany. St. Poly-
carp, Bishop and Martyr. 7.30
a.m. First Mass with sermon in
English. 8.30 a.m. Sunday School
for Mexican Boys. Maryknoll Con-
vent. 9.30 a.m. Second Mass with
sermon in English followed by
Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament.

2 p.m. Catechetical Instruction
in Chinese followed by Benediction
of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The lay Tsun Wan and Yuen
Long Missions are temporarily
postponed during the Chinese New
Year, until further notice.

Monday, January 27: St. John
Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor.
Tuesday, January 28: St. Flavi-
an, Martyr. 8 p.m. Little Flower
Choir Practice.

Wednesday, January 29: St.
Francis of Sales, Bishop and Doc-
tor.

Thursday, January 30: St. Mar-
tina, V.M.

Friday, January 31: St. Peter
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Saturdays. Special times for
confession, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

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and Saint George, Colonial Secre-
tary; Chaloner Grenville Alabaster,
Officer of the Most Excellent Order
of the British Empire, Attorney
General; Norman Lockhart Smith,
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pire; Lennox Godfrey Bird, Officer
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Owen Hughes; George Philip Lam-
mert; Antonio Ferreira Batalha
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Michael and Saint George; Mer-
vanji Pallooji Talati; Li Yan-
tsun, Commander of the Most Ex-
cellent Order of the British Em-
pire; Stanley Hudson Dodwell;

therefore do now hereby with one
voice and consent of tongue, and
heart publish and proclaim that the
High and Mighty Prince Edward
Albert Christian George Andrew
Patrick David is now by the death
of Our Late Sovereign, of happy
memory become our only lawful
and rightful Liege Lord, Edward
The Eighth By The Grace Of God,
Of Great Britain, Ireland and of
the British Dominions Beyond the
Seas King Defender Of The Faith
Emperor of India to whom we do
acknowledge all faith and con-
stant obedience with all hearty and
humble affection beseeching God by
whom Kings and Queens do reign
to bless The Royal Prince Edward
The Eighth with long and happy
years to reign over us.

NO SALE

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them very loud so the devil would
be sure to hear and just in the
middle of it Mrs. Plaskett opened
the door again and said George
what on earth.

Oh said Mr. Plaskett please let
me alone I told you what I was
doing. And Mrs. Plaskett said
Well if you're going to raise the
devil you might least not do it in
my livingroom when I'm trying to
sleep why don't you go out to the
garage? And she sniffed and shut
the door again. So Mr. Plaskett
began all over again.

And when he got through
nothing happened. There wasn't
any clap of thunder and there
wasn't wasn't any smell of brim-
stone only burned gin. Mr. Plaskett
stood still for a minute with the
candle in his hand looking foolish
and then he began tidying up the
room as Mrs. Plaskett wouldn't be
cross at breakfast. And just then
the telephone bell rang. He went
to it and said Yes crossly and a
far off voice said Hello Plaskett
this is the devil and I got your call
but I had a lot of business in
Washington and couldn't get there
would it be all right if I dropped
in to-morrow? And Mr. Plaskett
said Sure come to lunch, and the
voice said O K about one? and Mr.
Plaskett said Well I'll expect you
and hung up and went to bed.

Well, Mr. Plaskett's mind was
so full of the devil that he didn't
sleep very well and he was late at
the office next morning. His
secretary said Good morning dear
there are three men waiting to
see you, and Mr. Plaskett said
What do they look like? and the
secretary said Oh just like three
men—nobody I know, and Mr.
Plaskett said Well I don't suppose
the devil would send in his own
name anyway, and the secretary
laughed because she thought it
was one of Mr. Plaskett's little
jokes.

So the first man that came in
was tall and dark and had a hook-
ed nose and a little red feather in
his hatband and Mr. Plaskett felt
sure he was the devil. So he
bowed and the man bowed and
said speaking very quick well Mr.
Plaskett I assume you are still of
the same mind about selling, and
Mr. Plaskett said yes. And the
man said Of course, you under-
stand that a lot of these things
are being thrown on the market
nowadays and I can't buy every-
thing that is offered to me but I
have looked yours over and I will
offer you two thousand dollars.
What said Mr. Plaskett tut tut that
is no offer at all I imagine I knew
values better than that.

For he had thought that even if
his soul wasn't worth 10,000 dollars
he would try to get that for it be-
cause it was the exact sum he need-
ed to save his business. Then the
tall man talked a lot about how the
market had sunk and about how
even missionaries were almost a
drug on the market and he said he
knew it was hard to give up one's
most cherished possessions but af-
ter all they didn't pay any interest
and in these times an increase in
value was doubtful. That may be
true said Mr. Plaskett but if you
g'd it you'll pay me 10,000 dollars
not a penny less. Three thousand
said the man Not a cent more.
Nine thousand said Mr. Plaskett.
Take it or leave it. Four thou-
sand said the man. And that's my
last word.

And so they agreed on seven
thousand and the man wrote out a
cheque and then he said You under-
stand I am paying that much for
the only reason because I want all
those Hawaiian missionary stamps.
What said Mr. Plaskett. You are
not the devil? And the man laugh-
ed and said No I am Mr. Beebe of
Beebe and Beebe the stamp mer-
chants you will have your joke
Mr. Plaskett good morning.

Well well said Mr. Plaskett to
himself That was pretty nice and
I am glad he wasn't the devil be-
cause I only need three thousand
more and I ought to be able to get
that much for my soul. Then the
next man came in and he was
a Mr. Peabody a fat man in a
velours hat and Mr. Plaskett said to
himself He doesn't look like the
pictures in the book but if would
be just like the devil to wear a
velours hat and maybe he's him and
he bowed politely.

Now Mr. Peabody was not the
devil at all but an insurance man
and Mr. Plaskett's politeness was
so unusual in his experience that
he began to cry. Come come old
chap said Mr. Plaskett and Mr.
Peabody said O dear please excuse
me I'm really very happy my old
friend in Lansing died last week and
left me 200,000 dollars and this is
my last day selling insurance.

What you are an insurance sales-
man said Mr. Plaskett Out of my
sight. No no shouted Mr. Peabody
falling on his knees. Don't say I
don't say it you are the first man
who has been polite to me in forty
years and long ago I made a vow
that the first man who was really
nice to me I would give half my
fortune to if I ever had one and
now I have one and half of it is
yours What said Mr. Plaskett You
mean you will give me one hundred
thousand dollars? Yes said Mr.
Peabody and he took the fountain
pen he always had ready in his
hand and made out a paper that
said Mr. Plaskett was to have half
his aunt's estate and shook hands
and said goodbye.

Aha said Mr. Plaskett Now I
have one hundred and seven thous-
and dollars and my soul is going
up I shall not sell it for less than
five hundred thousand dollars and a
steam yacht. He looked at his
watch and it was half past one
and he said Well that last man out
there must certainly be the devil
because Satan always keeps his
appointment. So the third man
came in and he was a tough little
man with a squint and no hair and
Mr. Plaskett thought Well I sup-
pose this is just one of the devil's
disguises but where can we go to
lunch so we won't be seen together?
And he said Are you the devil?
You said it said the little man
Well maybe I ain't the head devil
but the boss sent me around to sell
you some protection Just sign this
and everything will be OK.

And he handed Mr. Plaskett a
paper which would bind him to
pay the Brokers' Protective As-
sociation ten dollars monthly for
life. But Mr. Plaskett laid the
paper down without looking at it
and said Well you go pretty fast
but understand now I am to have
five hundred thousand dollars and
a steam yacht in good order or
there's no deal. And the little
man said Geest you're nuts come
on buddy sign the paper. How'd
you like to come home some night
and find your house all blown to
hell.

And Mr. Plaskett said It has its
points but how about that half
million have you got it with you?
Then the little man got down off
the desk where he had been sitting
and put his hand to his pocket and
edged toward the door and growl-
ed Geest the boss mean send-
ing me to shake down a looney?
And Mr. Plaskett said Are you
really the devil? The little man
said Sure don't kid yourself All
right said Mr. Plaskett. Then
vanish And as the little man didn't
say anything Mr. Plaskett said
Come on do some tricks.

Well the little man didn't do any
tricks just stood and showed his
teeth so Mr. Plaskett said Well I
guess you aren't him after all but
I can prove it. And he began to
say in a loud voice the formula he
had read in the book which would
make the devil disappear. And
when the little man heard the
Latin words he turned pale and
ran out of the office screaming I
can't do business with no looney
and I won't what's more.

Well Mr. Plaskett waited a while
longer but nobody else called and
he said to himself Well I guess the
devil changed his mind but it's all
right with me I have enough money
anyway. So he went out to lunch.
A little while after lunch he
started home because it was pretty
slow in the office without his stamp
collection to look at. When he got
there the cook came in and said
What'll I do about dinner? And
Mr. Plaskett said What do you
mean do about dinner? And the
cook said Well there was a dark
completed gentleman called this
noon he said he was to have lunch
with you and you weren't here so
Mrs. Plaskett invited him to stay.

My goodness said Mr. Plaskett
where did he go. He thought I
meant the house and not the office.
And the cook said I don't know
him an the missus went away
about three and said to tell you
they wouldn't be back and so what
shall I do about dinner? And Mr.
Plaskett said Serve it serve it he's
got her and maybe I'm sorry...
and maybe I'm not and he went into
the living room. There was a
strong smell of brimstone in the
livingroom and chairs and tables
were knocked every which way.
I'm glad she put up a good fight
said Mr. Plaskett and fit a cigar.

Well that was the last he ever
heard of either Mrs. Plaskett or
the devil and he still had his soul
and didn't have to buy a mink coat.
And he took some of the money
from Mr. Peabody's aunt's estate
to start a new stamp collection.
[THE END]

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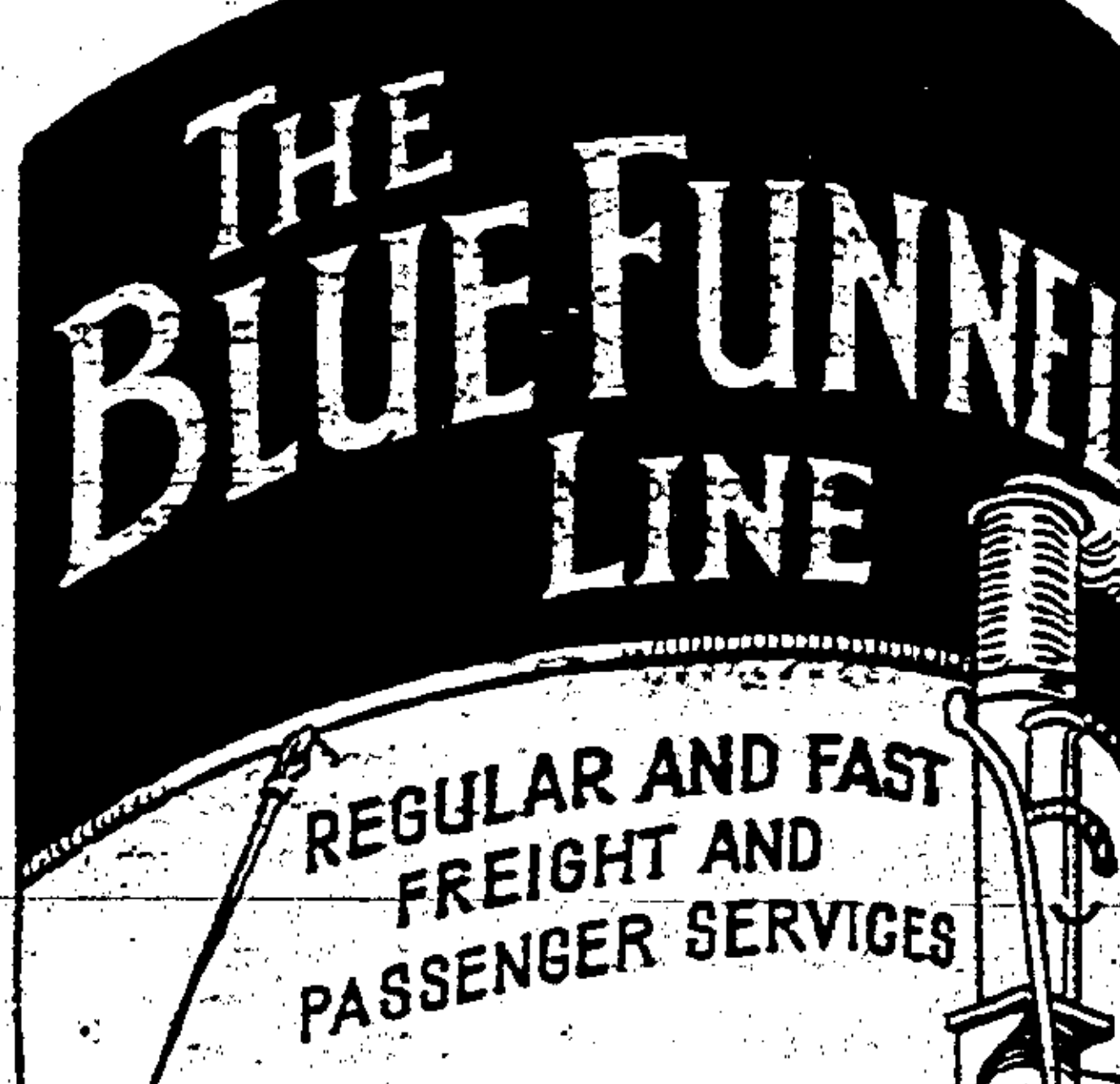
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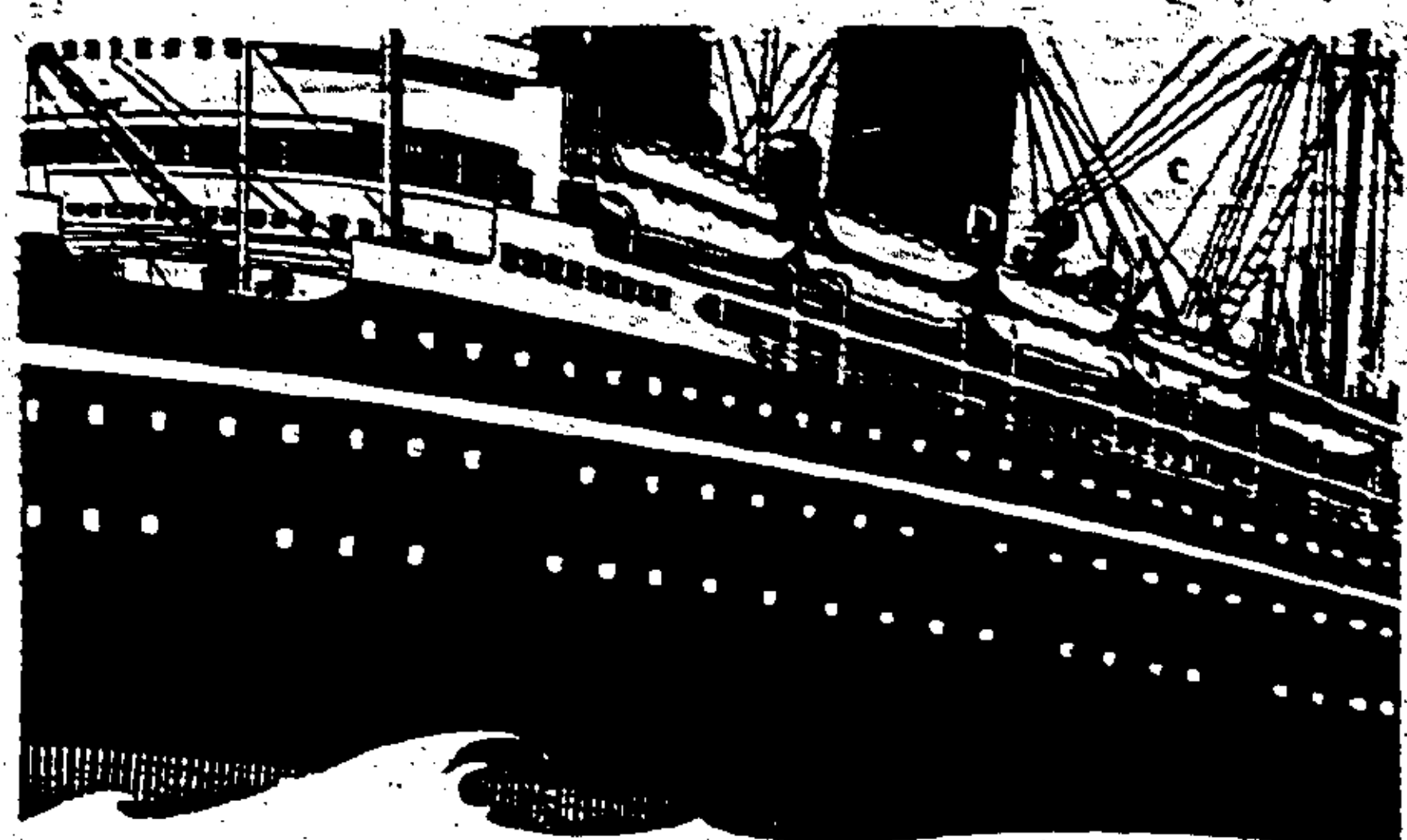
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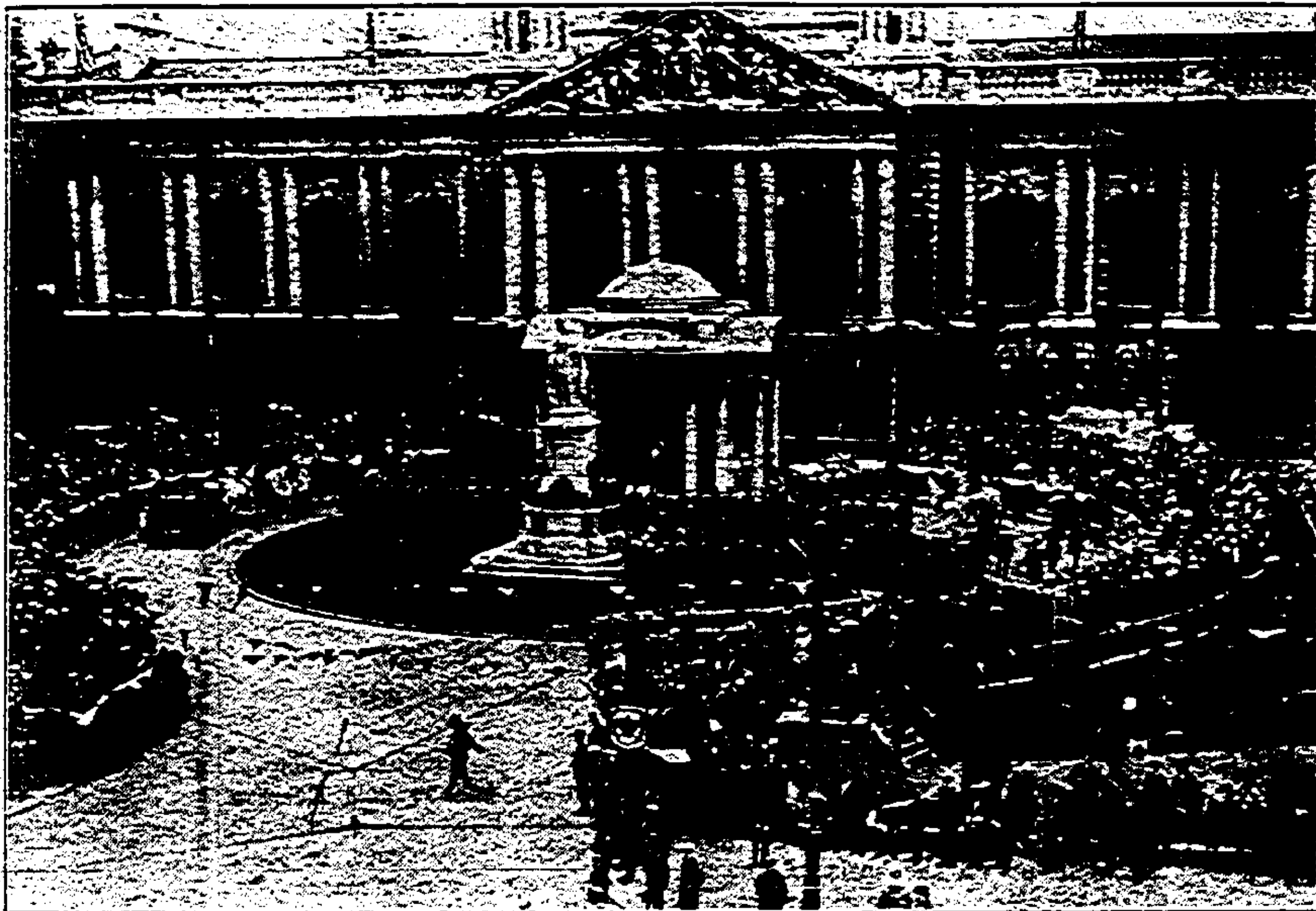
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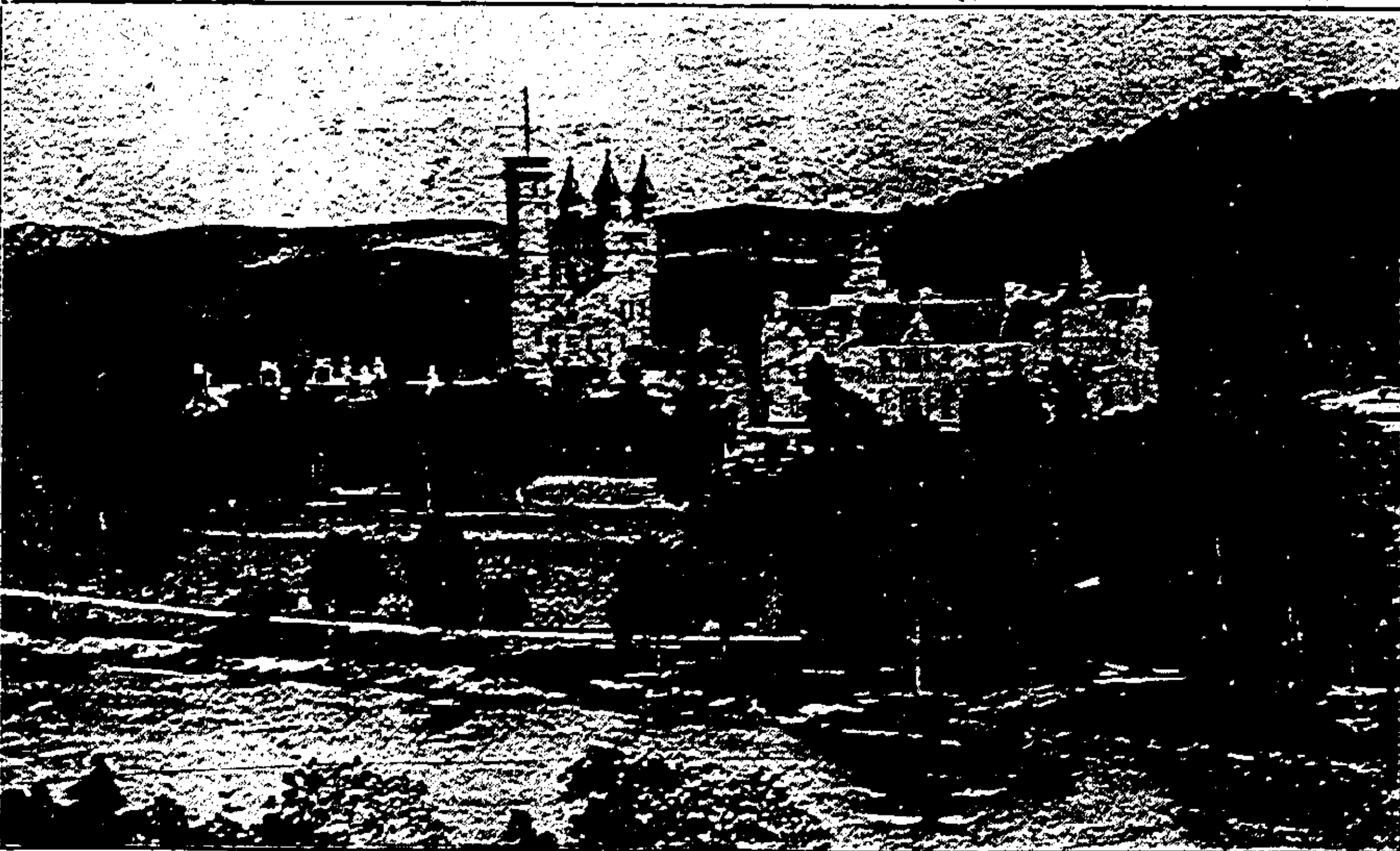
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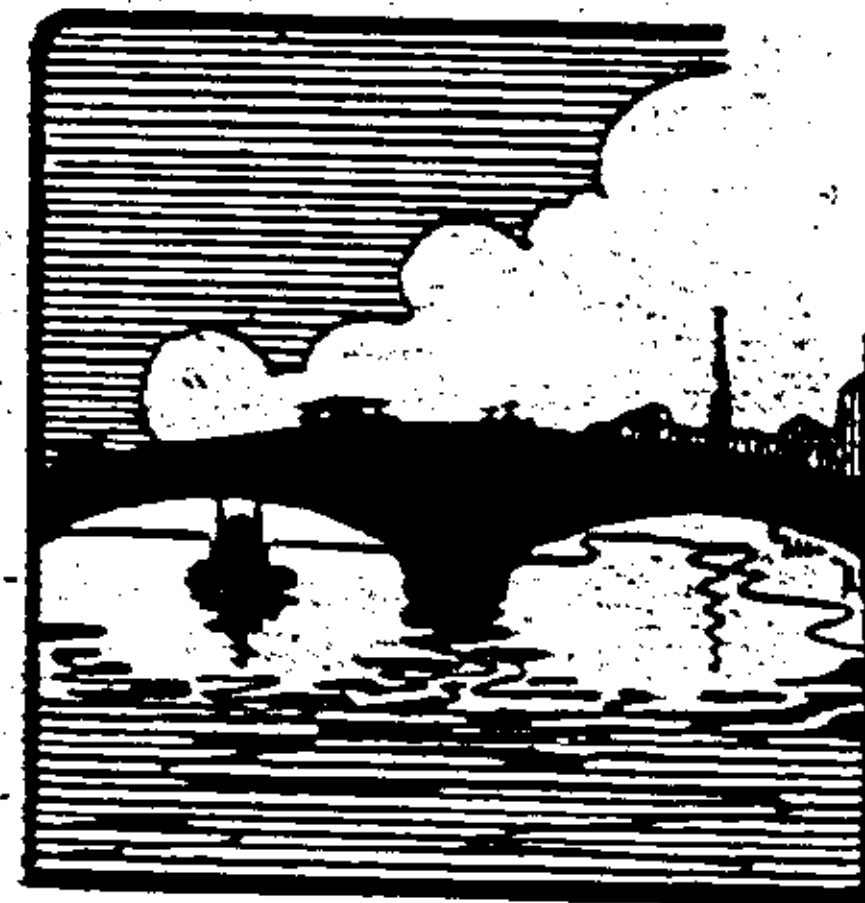
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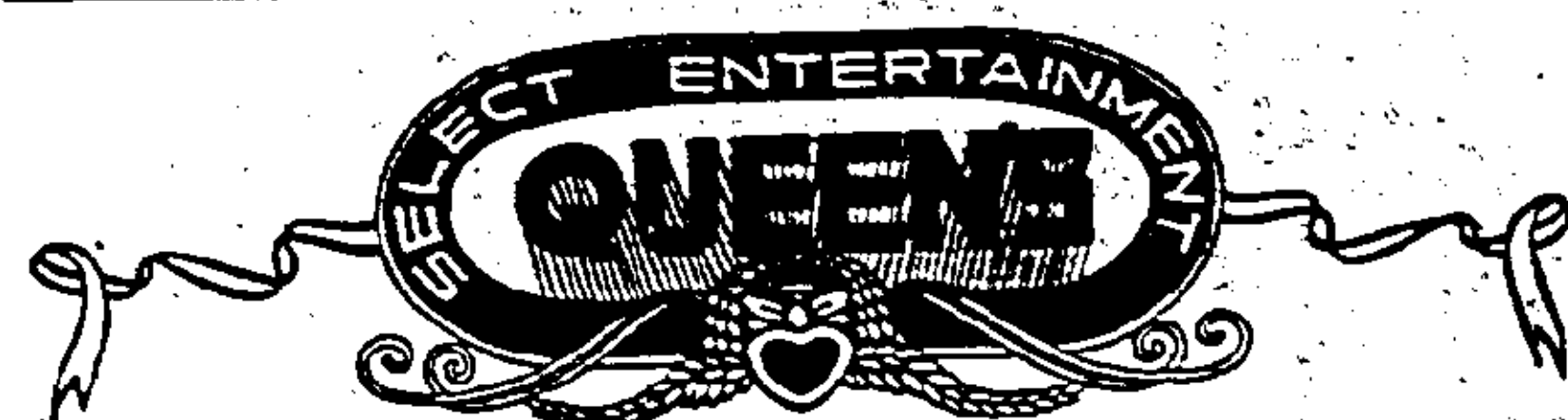
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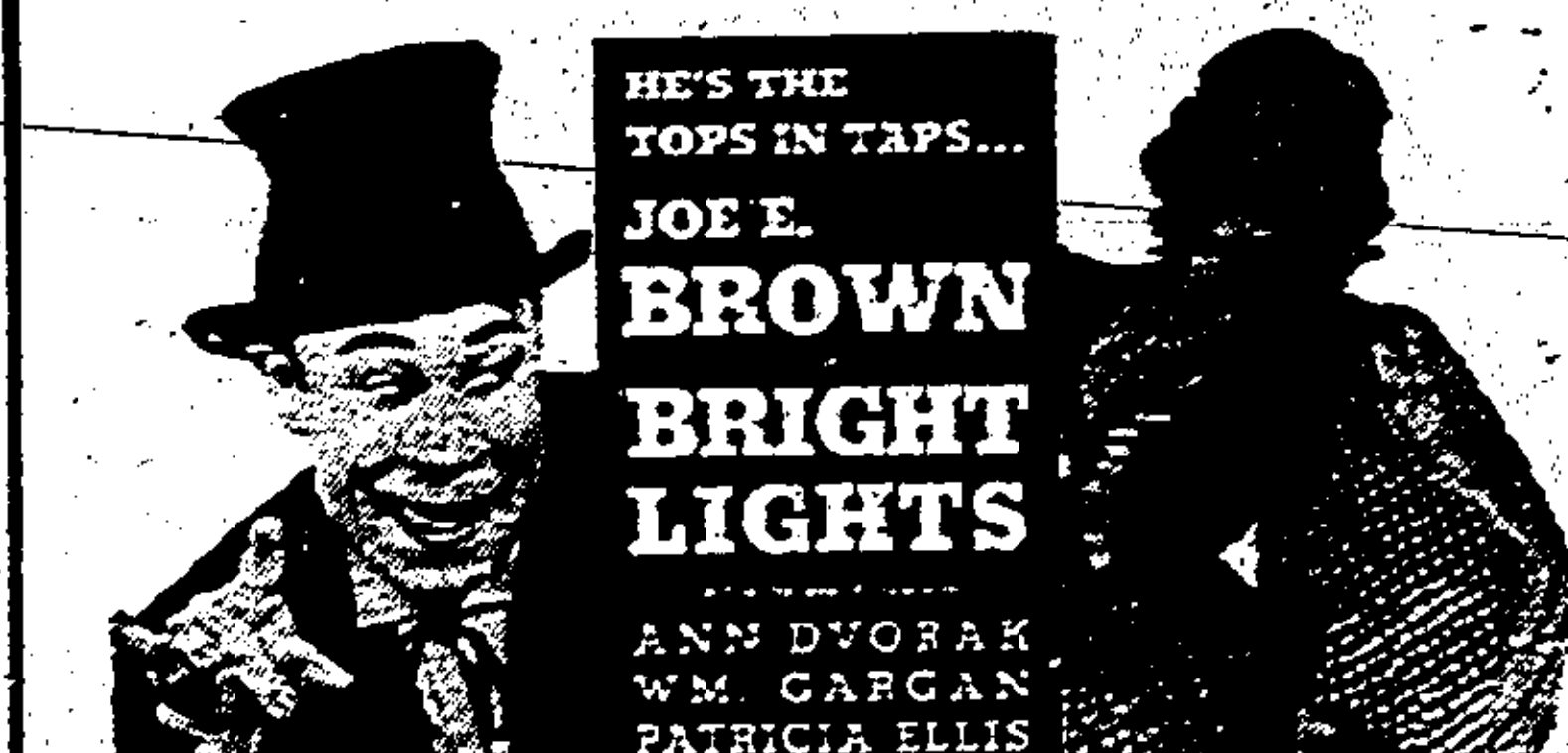
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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

A firmly worded speech by Mr. Anthony Eden, in his capacity of "rapporteur" for Danzig, was the outstanding feature of the discussion yesterday by the League Council of the report of the League High Commissioner, Mr. Sean Lester, on the events in the Free City during 1935.

Beginning by saying that he was sure all his colleagues would agree that they were fortunate in having a High Commissioner in whom they could put unlimited confidence, the British Foreign Secretary then declared the situation at Danzig to be "extremely serious." It was regrettable that the Council had to give its attention to a breach of a convention which it was under the obligation to maintain under guarantees given by the League.

So long as the League Council could reckon with the goodwill—he would almost like to say the good faith—of the Danzig Government, he was sure the members would not object to the time and trouble entailed by the consideration of these questions. But the events which had occurred since the last report in December unavoidably raised doubts as to whether the Senate was dealing with these questions in a spirit of loyalty and goodwill.

LEAGUE REPORT

On December 23, continued Mr. Eden, the League Council adopted a report recommending that the Danzig Senate should take the necessary measures to amend the legislature in order to make it conform to the Constitution. The Council was in every way justified in expecting that its recommendations should be honestly carried out by the Danzig Government, especially since they were drawn up on the basis of an investigation by three exceptionally experienced and capable jurists, MM. von Wurttemberg, Koesters and Fleiners, and since the President of the Senate had assured the Council at the previous session that the Senate would take measures in accordance with the Council's recommendations.

"In these circumstances," said Mr. Eden, "I hoped to be able to inform my colleagues at this session that there was no further occasion for the Council to concern itself with questions regarding the Constitution of Danzig."

"That unfortunately is far from being the case. In some instances the Senate decided not to carry out the Council's recommendations, despite the promise given on its behalf by the President. This decision, in addition, was announced by the President at a session of the Diet, and this can only result in an atmosphere of hostility against the League Council being created."

"OTHER DELEGATES AGREE. "Later I shall be obliged to draw attention to certain inaccuracies in his speech for the present I am dealing only with the general aspects of the situation. The Council has undertaken certain duties regarding the Free City of Danzig. The satisfactory execution of these duties had been made difficult through the attitude of the Danzig Senate."

The French delegate, M. Leger, also stressed the gravity of the situation. He was followed by the Spanish, Polish and Soviet delegates, who all emphasised the necessity of the rights guaranteed by the League of Nations being respected.

After the High Commissioner, Mr. Sean Lester, had expressed the hope that the declarations of Danzig's League of Nations representative would be more gratifying in the future, the President of the Danzig Senate, Dr. Greiser, rose to reply on behalf of the Senate. He urged that the Danzig Government had no intention of attacking the status of

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Bournemouth	1	Milwall
Southend	1	Newport

FRENCH CABINET

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two had decided to stand by him. The crisis is expected to be very difficult to solve, M. Laval having decided not to form another Ministry, as he considers that the Radicals, having caused the crisis, should face the responsibility therefor and form a Government if they can.

It is expected that after M. Laval has refused the opportunity of again forming a Cabinet M. Bouisson, President of the Chamber, M. Herriot and probably other Radical Deputies will similarly refuse. The Radical Senators MM. Albert Sarraut, Steeg and Begnier are regarded as most likely to be successful in forming a Cabinet.—Reuter.

INDEPENDENCE REPORTS DENIED BY PRINCE TEH

Nanking, To-day.—Prince Teh Wang has telegraphed to Nanking, denying the rumoured declaration of independence.—Reuter.

any way, the real matter at issue being merely a difference of viewpoint between the League of Nations and the Danzig jurists.

Dr. Greiser pointed out that for 12 years Danzig had been regarded as the powder-barrel of Europe, and it was not till the National-Socialist Government came that this powder-barrel had been emptied and thus a contribution made to the peace of Europe.—Trans-Ocean Service.

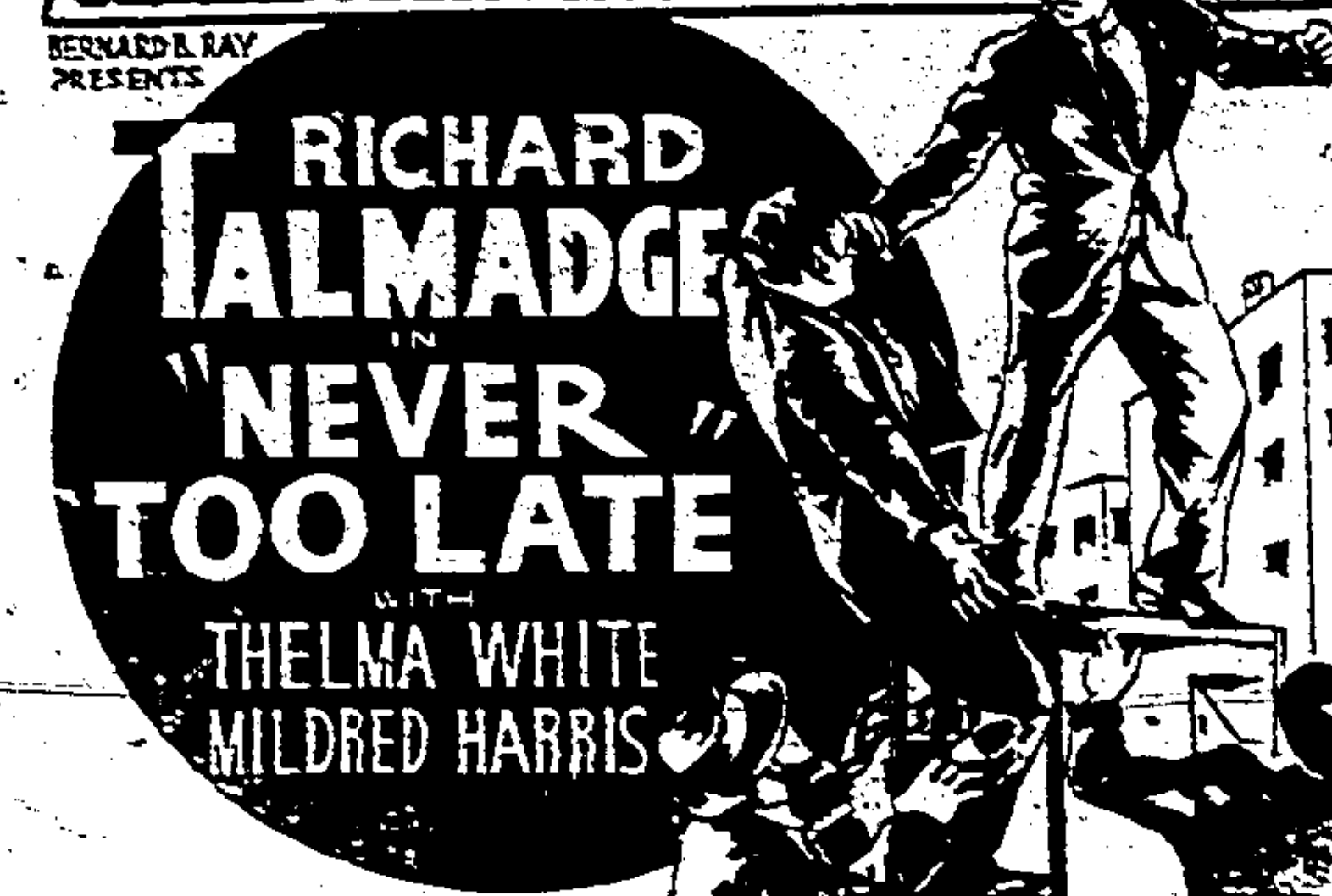
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